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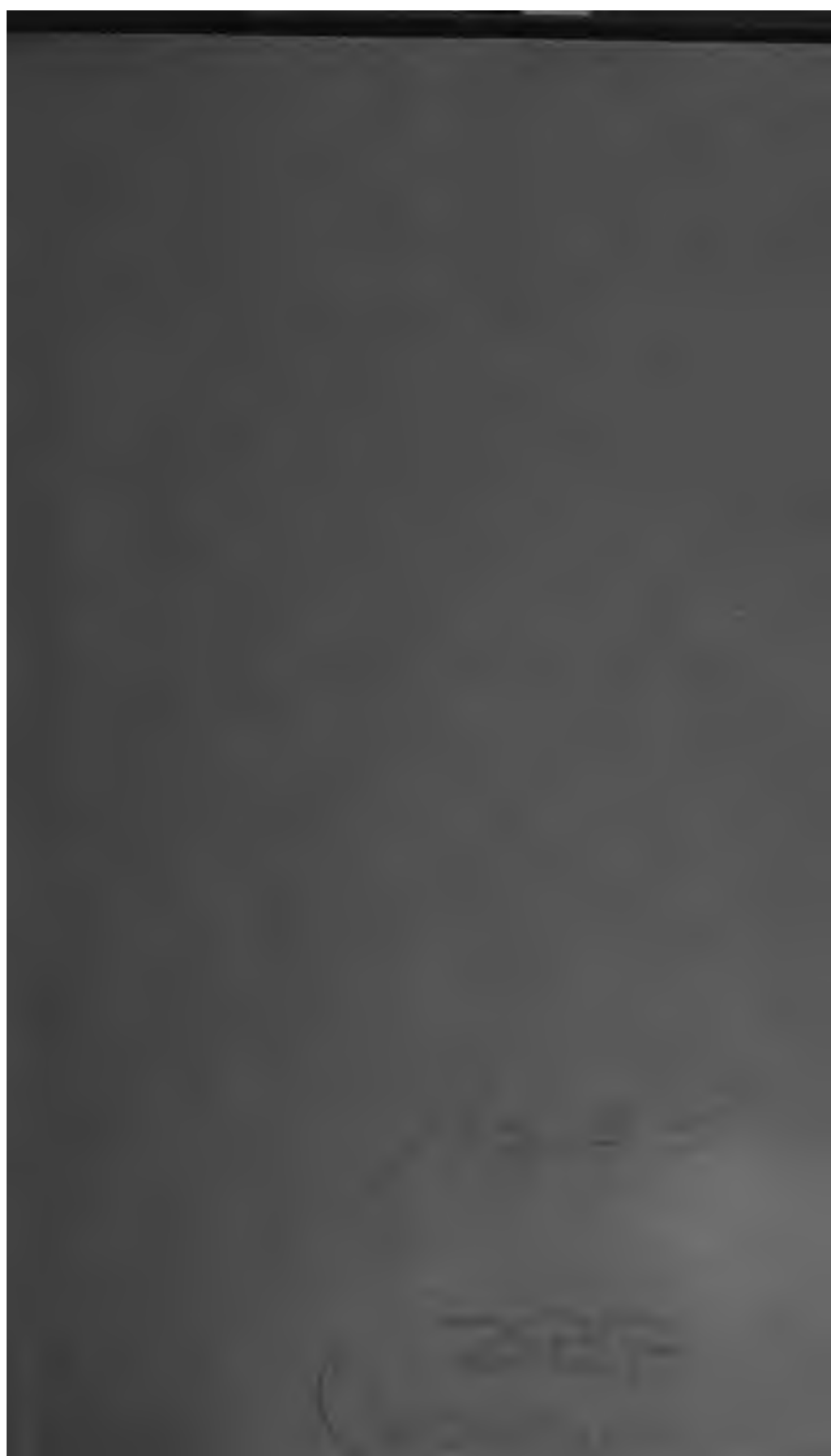
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*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolution to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk; and to express the earnest hope of this Convention, that he will take the Episcopal oversight of this Diocese.

Dr. Wheaton, on the part of the Delegates to the last General Convention, reported, that agreeably to the instructions they had received, they presented the claims of the churches in Louisiana to be admitted into union with the Church; and that by a resolution of the General Convention, Louisiana had been constituted an independent Diocese, in union with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*The Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans, reported the following ecclesiastical rites in his parish, since he assumed the charge thereof in November, 1838; viz.*

Baptisms, (infants, 54; adults, 5;) 59:—Confirmations, 9:—Marriages, 20:—Funerals, 18:—Communicants, between 130 and 150. But one Communicant has been removed by death.

The condition of the parish is encouraging; all the pews are disposed of, with the exception of a few reserved for strangers; and the assemblies for public worship are generally full.

*The Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, presented a report, of which the following is an abstract:*

His first visit to St. Francisville was in May, 1837, when he consented to remain as Pastor of the parish till November. On the 15th of February, 1838, the church was consecrated, and six persons were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper. On the 4th of March, he accepted the Rectorship of the parish.

Since his first connection with the Church at St. Francisville, the following ecclesiastical rites have been performed, viz.

Baptisms, (infants, 14 white, and 31 colored; adults, 7 white, and 25 colored,) 77:—Marriages, 3:—Funerals, 14:—Communicants, added 2—total (12 white and 2 colored,) 14; besides 15 Communicants belonging to other denominations.

The Treasurer reported unpaid a bill for publishing the Journal of the Primary Convention, which Mr. Duncan promised to lay before the Vestry of Christ Church.

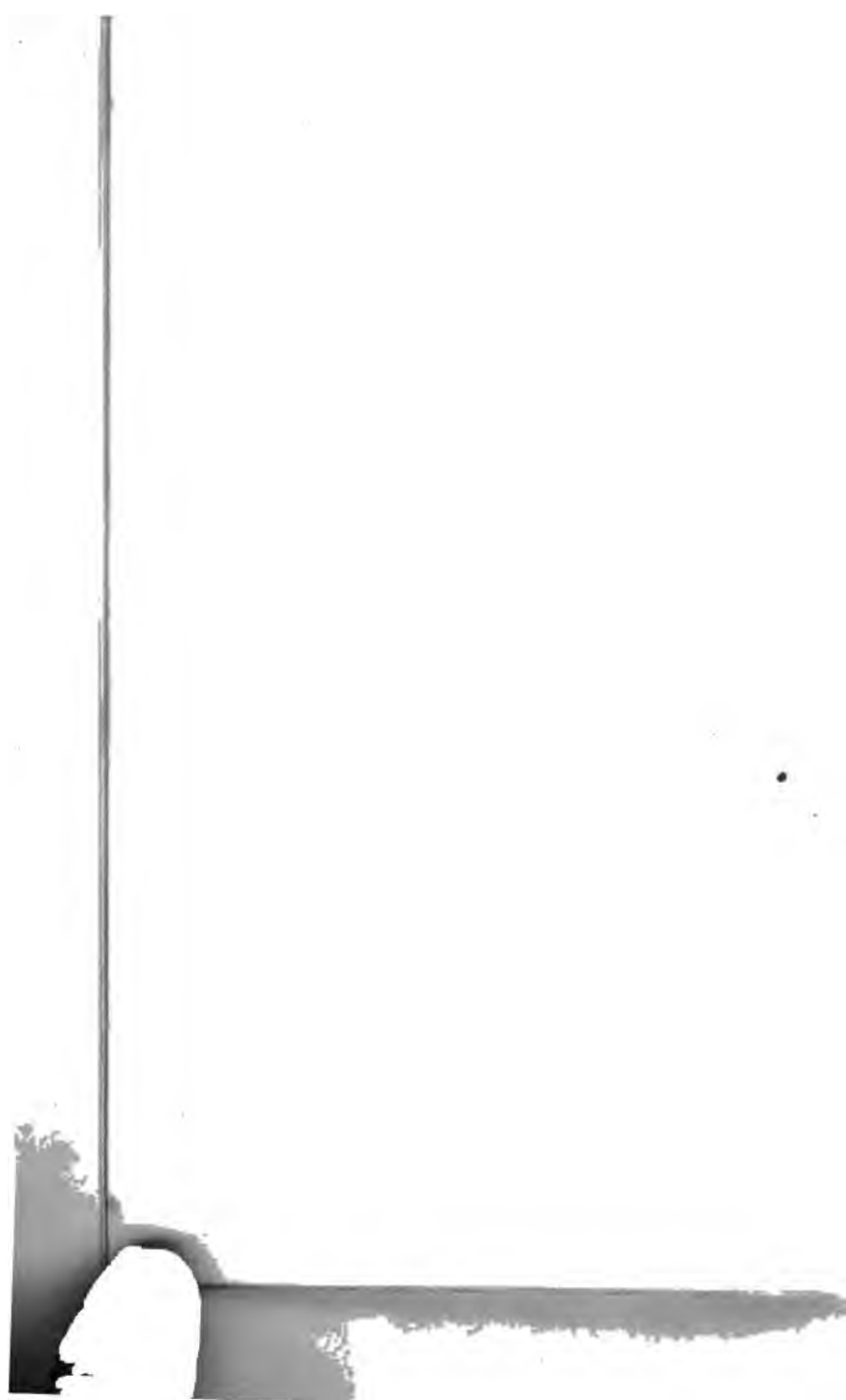
*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to furnish each of the parishes in the Diocese with a manuscript copy of the proceedings of this Convention.

After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ranney, the Convention adjourned, to meet in Christ Church, New-Orleans, on the third Wednesday in January, 1840.

Attest,

WM. F. BRAND, *Secretary.*

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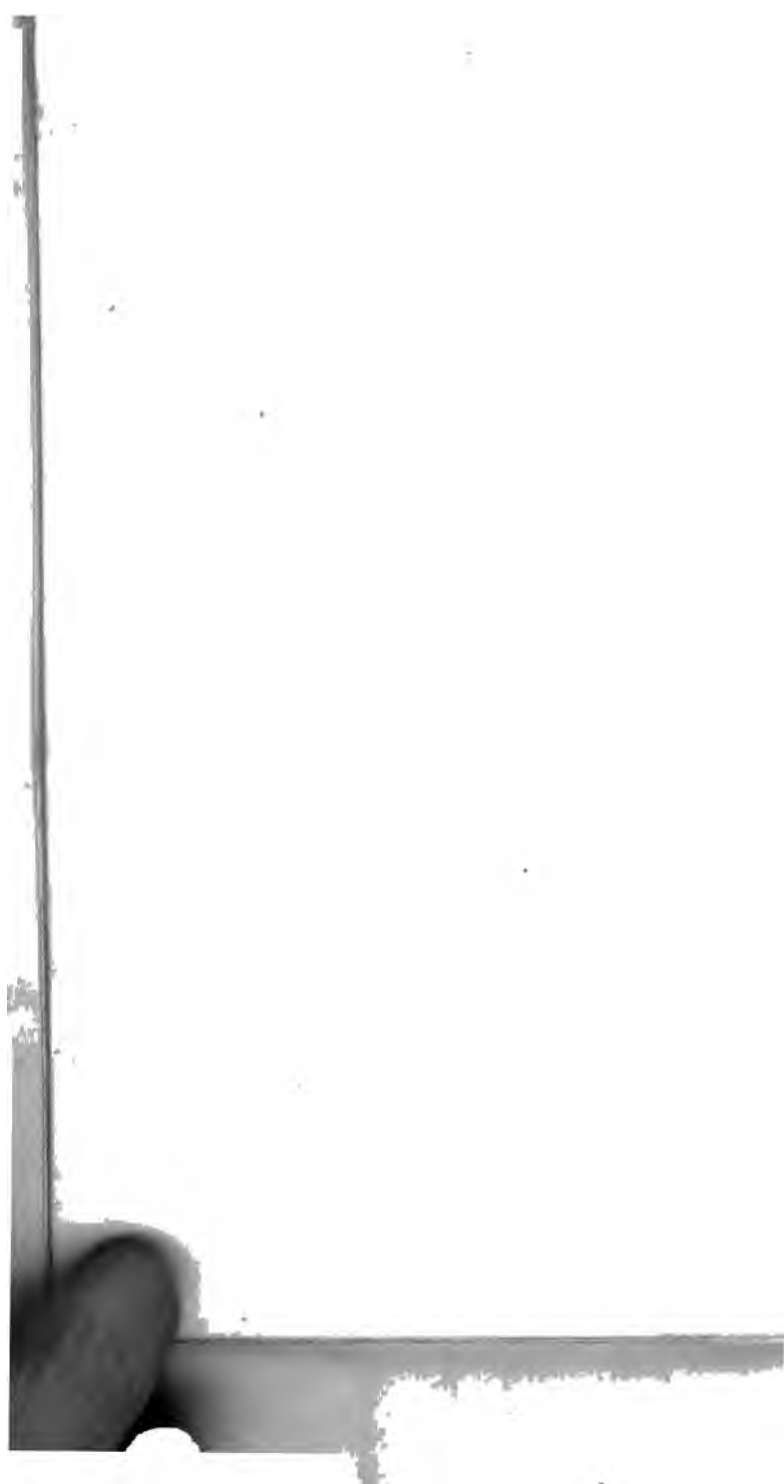
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CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-ORLEANS, JAN. 15, 1840.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention, several members assembled; but a quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet on the following day at 12 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, JAN. 16, 12 o'clock.

The members met agreeably to adjournment; and after prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, of Illinois, the Convention organized by the appointment of the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., President *pro tempore*, and Thomas N. Morgan, Secretary. At the request of the President, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase presided in the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wheaton, and John Whitehead, Esq., were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates; who reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:—

From Christ Church, New-Orleans, Richard Relf, James Hopkins, Ambrose Lanfear, Lucius C. Duncan, and John Whitehead:

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans, Richard Swain, Thomas Sloo, Jun., and Thomas N. Morgan.

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**Present**—Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich ; James Hopkins, Ambrose Lanfear, John Whitehead, Richard Swain, Thomas Sloo, Jun., and Thomas N. Morgan.

On motion by Dr. Wheaton, a Committee was appointed by the chair to nominate a Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; whereupon the following persons were nominated, and confirmed by a vote of the Convention :—

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich ; Richard Relf, and L. C. Duncan.

The President of the Standing Committee reported, that agreeably to the instructions they had received from the last Convention, they transmitted to the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, the resolutions of said Convention, placing the Diocese of Louisiana under his Episcopal charge ; and that they had received the following reply ; which, on motion, was directed to be placed on the Journal.

COLUMBIA, FEBRUARY 14, 1839.

*To the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 16th January, covering certain resolutions of the Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, placing that Diocese under my “full Episcopal charge and authority, according to the provisions of the 3d Canon of the General Convention of 1838, and requesting my acceptance of the same,” is received.

For the kind manner in which the Committee has chosen to discharge the duty imposed on it by the Convention, you will please accept my cordial thanks ; with assurances that I accede to the wishes of the Convention with much pleasure, and that I will contribute whatever services I can, consistently with other engagements, to the furtherance of the interests of our beloved Church in your Diocese.

With sentiments of great respect,

Affectionately,

Your friend and brother,

LEONIDAS POLK.

The President of the Standing Committee read a dis-  
missory letter from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, transferring  
the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., from that Diocese to the  
Diocese of Louisiana.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, *Resolved*, That  
the Parochial Reports be now received and read.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*The Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans, reports for the last  
year, the following ecclesiastical transactions in his parish, viz.*

Baptisms, (infants, 45; adults, 2;) 47:—Marriages, 13:—Interments,  
46:—Communicants, about 150. There are about 70 pupils in the  
Sunday school, principally the children of members of the parish. \$700  
have been contributed to the Missionary Society; \$500 towards erecting  
a church at Matagorda; and \$170 for a similar purpose at Key West.

N. S. WHEATON, Rector.

#### *Report of St. Paul's Parish, New-Orleans.*

Baptisms, (infants, 6; adults, 2;) 8:—Marriages, 2:—Funerals, 2:—  
Communicants, (2 died and 4 removed,) 31.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, a neat edifice has been  
erected for the congregation to worship in—a flourishing Sunday school  
is connected with the parish, and the ladies of the society have formed  
a sewing circle for missionary and other benevolent objects.

C. GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's.

The Treasurer of the last Convention reported, that the  
bill for publishing the Journal of the Primary Convention  
had been paid by the Vestry of Christ Church.

On motion, by Dr. Wheaton, *Resolved*, That the Secre-  
tary be instructed to publish the Journals of this, and the  
preceding Convention; and to call upon the different pa-

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rishes for the assessments specified in the 3d Canon, to defray the expenses thereof.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet in Christ Church, New-Orleans, at 11 o'clock, on the third Wednesday in January, 1841.

No more business having been presented, after prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

Attest,

THOS. N. MORGAN, *Secretary.*

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*List of the Clergy residing in the Diocese.*

Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.

Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.

Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

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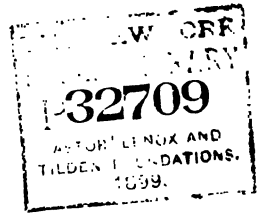
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At a Convention of the Clergy and Churches of the state of Louisiana, held in Christ Church, in the city of New-Orleans, on the 28th day of April, 1838, for the purpose of organizing the said Churches into an independent Diocese; after appropriate divine service performed by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton;

The Rev. N. S. WHEATON D. D. was called to the chair, and W. F. BRAND was appointed Secretary:

*Whereupon* were offered by the gentlemen present, certified copies of Resolutions passed by the Vestries of the several Parishes in Louisiana, appointing Delegates to represent their respective Churches in a Convention to be held in New Orleans, for the purpose of organizing said Churches into an Independent Diocese; with powers to adopt a Constitution for the government of the said Diocese, and to take all such measures as may be necessary to procure its admission to, and union with, the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America: viz:

By the Vestry of Grace Church, St. Francisville, were appointed Thomas Butler, James Turner, and William D. Boyle.

By the Vestry of Christ Church, New-Orleans, Richard Relf, and Lucius C. Duncan.

By the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, William F. Brand.

The Delegates being all present, with the exception of James Turner, of Grace Church, St. Francisville; the meeting was duly organized as a Convention, the following members being present:

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| Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D. | William D. Boyle, |
| Rev. Roderick H. Ranney,  | Richard Relf,     |
| Thomas Butler,            | Lucius C. Duncan, |
|                           | William F. Brand. |

On motion of Mr. Relf, it was

*Resolved*, That the Rev. R. H. Ranney and the Hon. Thomas Butler be a Committee to draft, and report to this Convention, a Constitution for the government of the Diocese of Louisiana.

The following is the Constitution reported by the Committee:

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.



## ARTICLE II.

The Annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be held on the third Wednesday in January, at such place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the Clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each Convention, and continue in office till the next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church shall require it; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

## ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. All Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who shall have officiated six months in some Parish in the State; Clerical instructors of youth, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, who have been resident in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three Lay Delegates; and if it consist of more than fifty families, by five; to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether Clerical or Lay, from two-thirds of the Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body, in all cases not hereinafter provided for; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide, the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

## ARTICLE V.

A Standing Committee, to consist of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention; any three of whom, always including one clerical member, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; except for such purposes as, by the Canon of the General Convention, shall require a larger number.

## ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner: At least four weeks before the Convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately; the Clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person for that office: Whereupon such choice shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

## ARTICLE VII.

Delegates to the General Convention shall be appointed, and shall continue in office during the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention; but in case of vacancy by death or resignation, a substitute or substitutes may be appointed by the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting.

On motion of ~~Mr.~~ Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Report just read be received ; and that the Constitution therein proposed be adopted as the Constitution of the Diocese of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Relf,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Wheaton, and the Rev. R. H. Ranney, together with Messrs. Thomas Butler, Lucius C. Duncan, Joseph Lovell, and George Lawrie, be, and hereby are, appointed Delegates to represent the Church in Louisiana at the next General Convention. And in case of the absence of one or more of the Lay Delegates, that Mr. William F. Brand, or Mr. James Colles, or both, be, and hereby are, appointed in their stead, with the same powers.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Delegates be, and hereby are, instructed to lay the proceedings of this Convention before the next General Convention, and to solicit the admission of the Churches in Louisiana into union with the same.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be composed of Rev. Dr. Wheaton, Rev. R. H. Ranney, and Messrs. L. C. Duncan, Thomas Butler, and Richard Relf,

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be, and hereby are, requested to prepare suitable Canons for the government of the Church in Louisiana, to be laid before a future meeting of the Convention ; and that the President of the said Committee have power to call meetings of the same at his discretion, until such time as the mode of calling such meetings shall have been fixed by Canon.

On motion of Mr. Boyle,

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Convention be printed under the superintendence of the President and Secretary.

The Convention then adjourned, *sine die*.

N. S. WHEATON, *President*.

W. F. BRAND, *Secretary*.



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**JOURNAL OF THE**  
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On motion by Mr. Duncan, it was unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the Diocese of Louisiana be, and hereby is, placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the R. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, agreeably to the provisions of the 3d Canon of the General Convention of 1838; and that he be respectfully requested to accept the same.

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be requested to transmit the foregoing resolution to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk; and to express the earnest hope of this Convention, that he will take the Episcopal oversight of this Diocese.

Dr. Wheaton, on the part of the Delegates to the last General Convention, reported that, agreeably to the instructions they had received, they presented the claims of the churches in Louisiana to be admitted into union with the Church; and that by a resolution of the General Convention, Louisiana had been constituted an independent

Diocese, in union with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans, reported the following ecclesiastical rites in his parish, since he assumed the charge thereof in November, 1838, viz. :

Baptisms, (infants 54, adults 5,) 59;—Confirmations, 9;—Marriages, 20;—Funerals, 18;—Communicants, between 130 and 140. But one communicant has been removed by death.

The condition of the parish is encouraging; the pews are disposed of, with the exception of a few reserved for strangers; and the assemblies for public worship are generally full.

The Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, presented a Report, of which the following is an abstract :

His first visit to St. Francisville was in May, 1837, when he consented to remain as Pastor of the parish till November. On the 15th of February, 1838, the Church was consecrated, and six persons were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper. On the 4th of March, he accepted the Rectorship of the parish.

Since his first connexion with the Church at St. Francisville, the following ecclesiastical rites have been performed, viz. :

Baptisms, (infants, 14 white, and 31 colored—adults, 7 white, and 25 colored,) 77;—Marriages, 3;—Funerals, 14;—Communicants, added 2—total (12 white and 2 colored) 14; besides 15 Communicants belonging to other denominations.

The Treasurer reported unpaid a bill for publishing the Journal of the Primary Convention, which Mr. Duncan promised to lay before the Vestry of Christ Church.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to furnish each of the parishes in the Diocese with a manuscript copy of the proceedings of this Convention.

After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ranney, the Convention adjourned, to meet in Christ Church, New-Orleans, on the third Wednesday in January, 1840.

Attest,

WM. F. BRAND, *Secretary*.





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**JOURNAL OF THE  
SECOND CONVENTION**

**OF THE  
DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,**

**Held in Christ Church, in the city of New Orleans, on Thursday, the 16th of January,**

**MDCCCXL.**

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*LIST OF THE CLERGY RESIDING IN THE DIOCESE.*

Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.

Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.

Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., President of College at Baton Rouge.

Rev. RODERICK H. RANNEY, Professor in the College at Baton Rouge.

## JOURNAL.

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### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, JAN. 15, 1840.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention, several members assembled; but a quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet the following day at 12 o'clock.

### CHRIST CHURCH, JAN. 16, 12 o'clock.

The members met agreeable to adjournment; and after prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, of Illinois, the Convention organized by the appointment of the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., President *pro tempore*, and Thomas N. Morgan, Secretary. At the request of the President, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase presided in the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wheaton, and John Whitehead, Esq., were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates; who reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention:

From Christ Church, New Orleans, Richard Relf, James Hopkins, Ambrose Lanfear, Lucius C. Duncan, and John Whitehead;

From St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, Richard Swain, Thomas Sloo, Jun., and Thomas N. Morgan.

Present—Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich; James Hopkins, Ambrose Lanfear, John Whitehead, Richard Swain, Thos. Sloo, Jun., and Thomas N. Morgan.

On motion by Dr. Wheaton, a Committee was appointed by the chair to nominate a Standing Committee for the ensuing year; whereupon the following persons were nominated, and confirmed by a vote of the Convention:—

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich, Richard Relf, and L. C. Duncan.

The President of the Standing Committee reported, that agreeably to the instructions they had received from the last Convention, they transmitted to the Rev. Leonidas Polk, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, the resolutions of said Convention, placing the Diocese of Louisiana under his Episcopal charge; and that they had received the following reply; which, on motion, was directed to be placed on the Journal.

COLUMBIA, February 14, 1839.

To the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 16th January, covering certain resolutions of the Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, placing that Diocese under my "full Episcopal charge and authority, according to the provisions of the 3d Canon of the General Convention of 1838, and requesting my acceptance of the same," is received.

For the kind manner in which the Committee has chosen to discharge the duty imposed on it by the Convention, you will please accept my cordial thanks; with assurances that I accede to the wishes of the Convention with much pleasure, and that I will contribute whatever services I can, consistently with other engagements, to the furtherance of the interests of our beloved Church in your Diocese.

With sentiments of great respect,

Affectionately, your friend and brother,

LEONIDAS POLK.

The President of the Standing Committee read a dismissory letter from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, transferring the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., from that Diocese to the Diocese of Louisiana.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich,

*Resolved*, That the Parochial Reports be now received and read.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans, reports, for the last year, the following ecclesiastical transactions in his parish, viz.:

Baptisms, (infants 45, adults 2,) 47;—Marriages, 13;—Interments, 46;—Communicants, about 150. There are about 70 pupils in the Sunday-school, principally the children of members of the parish. \$700 have been contributed to the Missionary Society; \$500 towards erecting a Church at Matagorda; and \$170 for a similar purpose at Key West.

N. S. WHEATON, Rector.

#### Report of St. Paul's Parish, New-Orleans.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8;—Marriages, 2;—Funerals, 2;—Communicants, (2 died and 4 removed,) 31.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, a neat edifice has been erected for the congregation to worship in; a flourishing Sunday-school is connected with the parish, and the ladies of the society have formed a sewing circle for missionary and other benevolent objects.

C. GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's.

The Treasurer of the last Convention reported, that the bill for publishing the Journal of the Primary Convention had been paid by the Vestry of Christ Church.

On motion, by Dr. Wheaton,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to publish the Journals of this and the preceding Convention, and to call upon the different parishes for the assessments specified in the 3d Canon, to defray the expenses thereof.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich,

*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet in Christ Church, New-Orleans, at 11 o'clock on the third Wednesday in January, 1841.

No more business having been presented, after prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

Attest,

THOMAS N. MORGAN, *Secretary*.

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**JOURNAL OF THE**  
**THIRD CONVENTION**  
**OF THE**  
**DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,**

**Held in Christ Church, in the city of New Orleans, on the 31st day of January.**

**MDCCCXLI.**

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## JOURNAL.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-ORLEANS, JANUARY 20, 1841.

Several Delegates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana assembled in Christ Church this day; but a quorum not being present, they adjourned, to meet on the following day, at the same place, at 5 P. M.

CHRIST CHURCH, JANUARY 21, 1841.—5 P. M.

The Delegates met, agreeably to adjournment; and after prayers by the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., the Convention was called to order by the same reverend gentleman, and was organized by the appointment of the Rev. Dr. WHEATON President, and JOHN WHITEHEAD Secretary.

The Rev. Charles Goodrich, Lucius C. Duncan, and Charles Harrod, were appointed by the President a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates; who reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention, viz.:

From Christ Church, New-Orleans—James Hopkins, Charles Harrod, Lucius C. Duncan, and John Whitehead.

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans—Richard Swain, J. W. Andrews, and F. R. Southmayd.

The following members were found to be present, on a call of their names by the Secretary, viz.:

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich, James Hopkins, Charles Harrod, Lucius C. Duncan, Richard Swain, J. W. Andrews, F. R. Southmayd, and John Whitehead.

On motion by Mr. Harrod,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year; whereupon the following persons were elected, viz.:

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich, Richard Relf, and Lucius C. Duncan.

The following persons were nominated and appointed Delegates to the General Convention, to be held the present year, viz.:

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. Charles Goodrich, Rev. D. S. Lewis, Rev. William B. Lacy, Lucius C. Duncan, James Colles, J. W. Andrews, and John Whitehead.

On motion by Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Parochial Reports be now received and read.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans, presents the following Report of Ecclesiastical transactions in his Parish since the last Convention, viz.:

Baptisms, (infants 38, adults 1,) 39;—Marriages, 16;—Interments, 15.

The Sunday-school is still almost exclusively composed of the children of the



parish,—the zealous efforts of the teachers to bring in those who spend the Lord's day in the streets having proved ineffectual. The school is well taught by a competent number of instructors, every way qualified for their duties, and is attended by 70 or 80 pupils.

It is impossible to state the precise number of Communicants, on account of the fluctuating character of the population. It may be estimated, however, at about 150.

Five hundred dollars have been remitted to the Church Missionary Society for domestic purposes.

N. S. WHEATON, Rector.

*Report of St. Paul's Parish, New-Orleans.*

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 1,) 10;—Marriages, 5;—Funerals, 3;—Communicants, (added 20, removed 1, died 3,) 47.

The Church edifice was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk on the 24th March, 1840. The number of children attending the Sunday-school has been considerably enlarged, amounting at this time to 140 pupils.

Contributions to the Missionary Society, \$275.

CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector.

The following Report was not received till after the session of the Convention ;

*Report of Grace Church, St. Francisville.*

Baptisms, (infants, 27 white, and 30 colored—adults, 4 white,) 61;—Confirmations, 11;—Marriages, 4;—Funerals, 19;—Communicants—added 13, removed 2: total (21 white, and 4 colored) 25. Sunday scholars 50—teachers 8.

The Rector would add, that the spiritual prospects of this Church are encouraging. The attendance on public worship is constantly increasing, and its happy influence marked and felt among this community. Our Church has been greatly improved in the past year, and a beautiful organ presented by a communicant, whose name will long be identified with the interests of the Church in this place.

D. S. LEWIS, Rector.

Dr. Wheaton read a letter from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk, announcing his intention to visit the churches in this city early in March ensuing.

Mr. Duncan, of the Standing Committee, made a verbal report of the proceedings of that Committee during the past year.

No more business having been presented,

On motion by Mr. Harrod,

*Resolved*, That, after prayers, this Convention adjourn, to meet in St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans, at 2 o'clock, on the third Wednesday of January, 1842.

After prayers by Rev. Mr. Goodrich, the Convention adjourned.

N. S. WHEATON, *President*.

Attest.

J. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

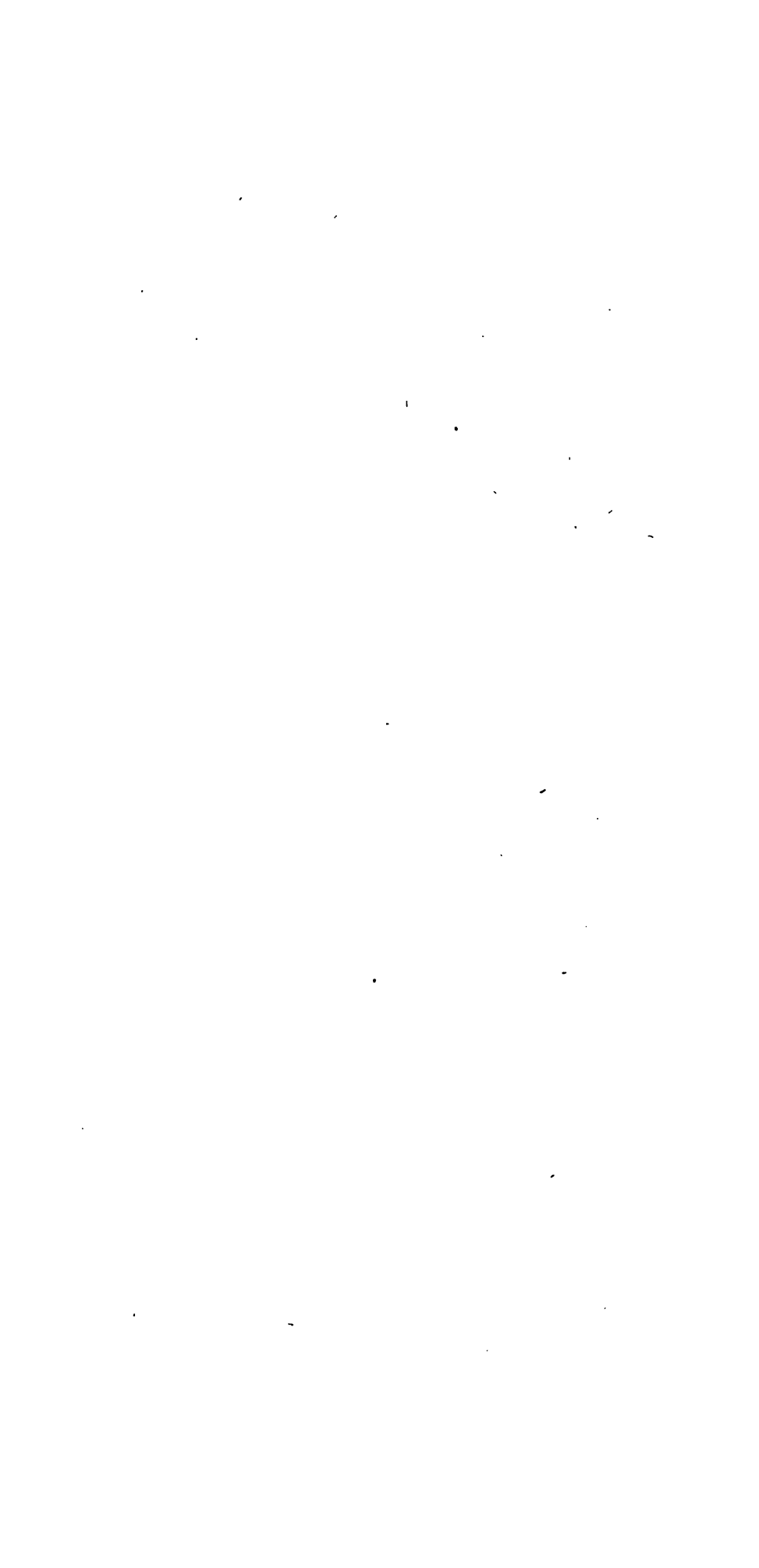
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**JOURNAL OF A**  
**SPECIAL CONVENTION**  
**OF THE**  
**DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,**

Held in Christ Church, in the city of New Orleans, on the 20th day of May,

**MDCCCXLI.**

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## JOURNAL.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-ORLEANS, MAY 20, 1841.

A Special Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana was held this day, at 5 P. M., in Christ Church, New-Orleans, agreeably to a notice issued by the Standing Committee, under the 2d article of the Constitution, to the following effect, viz.:

1st. *Resolved*, That a special Convention be held in this Diocese, for the purpose of requesting the General Convention to elect a Bishop for the same.

2d. *Resolved*, That said Convention be held in Christ Church, New-Orleans, on the 20th of May instant, at 5 o'clock P. M.; and that the Secretary of the Standing Committee be instructed to communicate these resolutions to each Clergyman in this Diocese.

After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, the Convention was organized by the appointment of the Rev. Dr. WHEATON, President, and JOHN WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis and Lucius C. Duncan were nominated a committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates; who reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention, viz.:

From Christ Church, New-Orleans—Leonard Matthews, L. C. Duncan, Charles Harrod, George E. Payne, and John Whitehead.

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans—Thomas Sloo, Jr., Thos. N. Morgan, and William Goodrich.

From Grace Church, St. Francisville—Albert G. Howell, John Collins, and R. E. Butler.

The roll being called, the following persons were found to be present, viz.:

Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., Rev. Charles Goodrich, Rev. D. S. Lewis, and Rev. Roderick H. Ranney; L. Matthews, L. C. Duncan, Charles Harrod, G. E. Payne, J. Whitehead, T. Sloo, Jr., T. N. Morgan, J. Collins, and R. E. Butler.

The object of the Convention was then stated by the President; and after some remarks by Mr. Duncan, the following preamble and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Lewis, were submitted by him to the Convention, and adopted unanimously:

*To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.*

*Whereas*, the Diocese of Louisiana, with its numerous and rapidly increasing population, presents an inviting field for the establishment of new parishes in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Church; and,

*Whereas*, the slow progress it has hitherto made may, in a great measure, be attributed to the want of an Episcopal Overseer, who could give his undivided attention to the spiritual concerns of the Diocese; and

*Whereas*, while the Convention bears grateful testimony to the piety, fidelity, and arduous labours of the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, of which the Church

in Louisiana has enjoyed the benefit since it was placed under his charge, and reposes unabated confidence in his zeal in its behalf, and readiness to do all in his power to promote its interest, consistently with his duty to the Church in other portions of the wide region which now owns his spiritual jurisdiction, it cannot be insensible to the fact, that the self-devotion of no one man can be adequate to meet the spiritual wants of a population so large, and so destitute of the ordinances of Christianity : therefore,

*Resolved*, That the General Convention be, and hereby are, requested to elect a Bishop over the Diocese of Louisiana, agreeably to the provisions of Canon I., Section 1, of the General Convention of 1838.

*Resolved*, That the Delegates to the next General Convention be, and hereby are, instructed to present the aforesaid preamble and resolutions to that body, at its session in the City of New-York, on the first Wednesday in October, 1841.

No other business having been presented, after prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

N. S. WHEATON, *President*.

Attest ;

J. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

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**JOURNAL OF THE**  
**FOURTH CONVENTION**  
**OF THE**  
**DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,**

**Held in St. Paul's Church, in the city of New Orleans, on the 30th day of January,**

**MDCCCXLII.**

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***LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.***

**Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and residing at Thibodauxville.**

**Rev. JOHN BURKE, Minister of the Church at Natchitoches.**

**Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.**

**Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., President of the College of Louisiana, Jackson.**

**Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.**

**Rev. RODERICK H. RANNEY, Professor in the College at Baton Rouge.**

**Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.**

## JOURNAL.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12, 1842.**

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Convention, several members assembled in St. Paul's Church; but a quorum not being present, they adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to meet in the same place.

January 20th.

The members met agreeably to adjournment.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Burke, of Natchitoches, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton; after which, the Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Convention was then called to order by the Bishop; and on motion, Lucius C. Duncan was appointed Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Wheaton, the Rev. D. S. Lewis, and the Hon. Thomas Butler, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates.

On calling the roll, the following Clerical members answered to their names, viz.:

Rev. J. Burke, Rev. C. Goodrich, Rev. D. S. Lewis, and Rev. N. S. Wheaton.

The Committee on the Certificates of the Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen as duly elected, viz.:

From Christ Church, New-Orleans—Richard Relf, Charles Harrod, Leonard Matthews, B. F. Lowndes, and L. C. Duncan.

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans—Thos. N. Morgan, John W. Andrews, and F. R. Southmayd.

From Grace Church, St. Francisville—Thomas Butler, John L. Lobdell, and James Flower, Jun.

On calling the roll, the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats, viz.;

Messrs. Harrod, Matthews, Lowndes, Duncan, Andrews, Southmayd, and Butler.

The Journal of the last Annual Convention, and also the Journal of the Special Convention held in May last, were then read by the Secretary.

In behalf of the Delegates to the late General Convention, Mr. Duncan reported, that they had complied with the instructions of the Special Convention, and presented the memorial praying the General Convention to elect a Bishop over this Diocese; and that the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas,



had been unanimously elected to that office. The evidence of this election was also presented by Mr. Duncan, and directed to be inserted in the Journals of this Convention.

## [EXTRACT.]

"HOUSE OF BISHOPS, *New-York*, October 16th, 1841.

On motion of Bishop Brownell, seconded by Bishop Otey,

*Resolved*, That the House do now proceed to nominate a Bishop for Louisiana.

The House accordingly proceeded to ballot, when it appeared that the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., was unanimously elected, to be nominated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

On the same day, at the evening session, the following Message was received :

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies inform the House of Bishops that they have concurred in the nomination, made by the House of Bishops, of the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., to be the Bishop of Louisiana.

Thereupon, Bishop Polk, in person, resigned the office of Missionary Bishop ; and it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the resignation of Bishop Polk be accepted.

Bishop Polk then declared his acceptance of the office of Bishop of Louisiana.

A true copy.

[ATTEST]

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT,

*Secretary of the House of Bishops.*

Bishop Polk then rose and delivered the following

## ADDRESS :

BELOVED BRETHREN,

I appear before you for the first time, in obedience to an invitation you have felt moved, under God, to extend me, to assume the office of chief pastor among you.

The confidence you have manifested towards me, during the period in which I have been your Provisional Bishop, encourages me to hope, that our future intercourse, in the more intimate relation we now sustain to each other, may be characterized by a like spirit of brotherly kindness.

Knit together as we are, we form one body ; and are, in Christ, to be co-workers with God, for the promotion of His glory, and the salvation of men. How well then does it become us to be of one mind and of one heart, that we may the more effectually "strive together for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Let us therefore, in the threshold of our existence as an organized diocese, lift our hearts in devout prayer to Him, from whom all holy desires and good counsels come, that He would evermore preside in the midst of us ; repress our tendencies to error ; encourage and prompt us to the pursuit and love of "the truth ;" and make us as "an house at unity in itself."

The work we have to perform in the field assigned us, and which is intrusted chiefly to the clergy, has been plainly indicated.

We have had the Bible, as the written word of God, placed in our hands by those from whom we have received our commissions, and

whom we recognize as Christ's ambassadors; and been charged to "dispense it faithfully." In doing this, we shall of course be compelled to obey the further injunction laid upon us at our ordination, to dispense with equal faithfulness those holy sacraments, revealed by that word as of divine institution, and of binding obligation on all the followers of Christ.

That branch of the Church Catholic to which we belong, has given us in her creeds, articles, homilies, and services, a brief, but comprehensive exposition of her views of the doctrines, she has commissioned us to teach. With these for our guides, referring us, as they all do, for their truth and authority, to "most certain warrant of holy Scripture," we cannot greatly err.

As ambassadors of Christ, we have been called by His spirit, and appointed to discharge a particular trust;—to be co-workers with the Holy Ghost, in the extension and establishment of His kingdom upon earth.

Our business is to preach the "word of reconciliation;"—to endeavour to establish in the minds and hearts of our hearers a sense of their ruin; and point them to their remedy.

In accomplishing this, we cannot do better than to take for our guides, those first heralds of the cross, who, being the immediate subjects of the teaching of the founder of our faith, must be presumed to have incurred least risk of error; and of whose preaching and teaching we have such abundant memorials in the pages of holy writ.

By referring to these, we cannot but observe in the writings of them all, especially in those of him who was the chief preacher among them, the importance attached to a few leading doctrines as cardinal points in the system. "Christ crucified" was the ever-recurring theme of their ministry. The expanding and following up of that one single principle, in all its legitimate details, comprised the burden of the ministry of the Apostle to the Gentiles. It was to Christ he referred perpetually, as the source and end of all his teaching; as the author and finisher of the faith he preached; the great sacrifice for sin; the "end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth;"—and to whom he commended the trembling penitent, as to a friend, a refuge, and a Saviour.

We have then, in pursuance of the example of the Apostles, as the chief work of our ministry, to persuade men "to be found in Christ;" to be united to Him as the members to the body, as the branches to the vine; to be grafted into Him by faith; such faith as, being founded on a conviction of his ruin, compels the sinner to entertain humbling views of himself on the one hand, and elevates and magnifies Christ, in all his offices, on the other; as leads the spirit of the penitent captive, and subjects it, in its will and affections, to a submissive obedience to the law of Christ.

A faith, thus issuing in a devout desire to be conformed to the will of Christ, renders the believer teachable, and prompts him to a sincere and earnest diligence in seeking for the outward ordinances and appointments of his Lord's kingdom. This devolves upon us, the ministers of that kingdom, the responsibility and duty of guiding them in their inquiries: we have to point them to the door of admission

into the visible fold; and it is our office, also, to admit them to a participation of its privileges; having taught them, it is our duty to baptize them, and to seal thereby unto them, the promises of forgiveness of sin, and adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost.

Becoming thus the children of God by faith in Christ, through the operation of the Holy Ghost, they are intrusted to our care to be nourished and brought up for Christ. As pastors of His flock, we are to warn them against the "rudiments of the world," and feed them with "the sincere milk of the word;" "daily reading and weighing the Scriptures, that we may wax riper and stronger in our ministry," and "become faithful and wise stewards, able to give them their portion in due season."

By taking heed to ourselves, beloved brethren, and to the ministry which requires us thus to watch for the souls of those committed to our care, dispensing to them diligently the comfortable sacrament of the body and blood of Christ,—that precious pledge of His love, and memorial of his death, we may hope to promote "an agreement in the faith," to fulfil the work we have been commissioned to perform, and to save ourselves and those who hear us.

From this brief view of the work before us, many particulars suggest themselves as necessary to its accomplishment. Besides the preparation of our own minds and hearts, by diligent study, and earnest calling upon God for the enlightening and sanctifying influences, of His Holy Spirit; parishes are to be organized, and competent men sought for, whose attainments, zeal, and piety, shall fit them for aiding us in the work of the ministry.

Such men, we may scarcely hope to find willing to come among us from abroad, in sufficient numbers to supply our immediate wants; we must, therefore, mainly rely on raising them up from among ourselves. God has given us a work to perform; and doubtless, if we be faithful, He will supply the instruments necessary for its accomplishment.

With regard to enactments for the regulation of our ecclesiastical affairs, it may be unnecessary to observe that, for a diocese so recently organized, our wants of necessity are few and simple. Such as may be required, I doubt not your wisdom and prudence, under the guidance of the great Head of the Church, will adequately supply.

Commending you to His Grace,

I am, faithfully,

Your Brother in Christ.

LEONIDAS POLK.

*New Orleans, January 20th, 1842.*

Mr. Duncan, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, reported, that the action of that Committee, during the past year, had been limited to the call of the Special Convention.

On motion,

The Rev. Mr. Lewis, and the Hon. Thomas Butler, were appointed a nominating committee, to nominate members of the Standing Committee for the following year.—The Committee having retired,

shortly returned, and reported the names of the following gentlemen, who were unanimously elected :

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| Rev. Dr. Wheaton,  | Mr. L. Matthews,  |
| Rev. Mr. Goodrich, | Mr. C. Harrod,    |
| Rev. Mr. Burke,    | Mr. L. C. Duncan. |

The President then called upon the Rectors of the several Churches for their parochial reports ;—whereupon the following reports were presented, read, and ordered to be *placed on the Journal* :

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

From Christ Church, New Orleans :—The Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans, reports as follows :

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 44,) 46 ;—Marriages, 21 ;—Funerals, 75 ;—Communicants, about 150 ;—Sunday Scholars, about 70.

In regard to the number of Communicants, the Rector is still unable to present any other than a vague report ; and repeated endeavours to make out an accurate list, have satisfied him of the inutility of the attempt, in a population so fluctuating and uncertain. The above is given simply as an approximation towards the truth.

The increase in the number of interments over those of the preceding year—an increase of from 15 to 75—would alone be sufficient to mark the past season as one of visitation by the pestilence.

The benefits of the Sunday School are still confined principally to the children of the parish ; the zealous endeavours of the teachers to bring within their sphere the children most needing religious instruction having met with little success.

Large contributions have been required of our citizens to alleviate the distress occasioned by the epidemic. Of this burthen, the members of the parish, it is believed, have taken their full share, as well as in the contributions for other benevolent purposes.

N. S. WHEATON, Rector.

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.

The Rector of the parish of St. Paul's has to report to the Convention the continued and increasing prosperity of the church and congregation committed to his spiritual oversight.

The following ecclesiastical services have been rendered since the last meeting of the Convention, viz. :

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 21,) 22 ;—Funerals, 3 ;—Marriages, 4 ;—Present number of Communicants, 46 ;—(removed 9, died 4, added 14 ;)—Number of Scholars connected with the Sunday School, 124 ;—Teachers, 19.

The following contributions have been made by the congregation during the past year :

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| To Bible, Tract, and Missionary Societies, | - | - | - | - | \$365 00 |
| To other Benevolent objects,               | - | - | - | - | 229 00   |
| Towards the payment of the Church Debt,    | - | - | - | - | 400 00   |
| Total,                                     | - | - | - | - | \$994 00 |

A Female Benevolent Society for the Relief of the Destitute Poor of the City, was organized in the spring of the year, and has been ever since in a course of successful operation.

The Rector would not fail to notice at this time the liberality of the Consistory of the French Evangelical Church of New Orleans, who, at the instance of L. C. Duncan, Esq., have nobly released the parish from a debt of \$500, contracted two or three years ago, by the purchase of the organ, formerly used in the worship of the French Church.

C. GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's.

From Grace Church, St. Francisville.

Baptisms, (infants 24, adults 3,) 27 ;—Marriages, 5 ;—Interments, 8 ;—Communicants, (added 6, removed 1,) 30 ;—Sunday Scholars, about 50 ;—Teachers 9 ;—Collections for Missionary Society, and other objects, \$175.

In reviewing the period of his connexion with this parish, the Rector feels that he has much to encourage him, and much to be thankful for. The attendance upon public worship has steadily increased ; and the forms and doctrines of the Church are evidently becoming better understood and appreciated. Through the

zeal and activity of a few individuals, the Sunday School has been sustained with great interest, and he cannot but feel that good has resulted and will continue to result from this branch of religious instruction, and that both teachers and scholars will reap an abundant reward for their constant attendance and untiring efforts in this work.

D. S. LEWIS, Rector.

The following Reports were not received till after the Convention had adjourned :

From the Rev. Mr. Ranney, President of the College at Baton Rouge.

During the first half of the past year, Dr. Lacey and myself officiated conjointly every Sunday, with one or two exceptions, at Baton Rouge, in a room politely tendered by the officers of the garrison. Since his departure, I have discharged the whole duty myself. The congregation is gradually increasing. At present, from forty to seventy usually attend, four only of whom belong to the garrison. The parish has not yet been organized, as there is at present no business for a Vestry, and the Church is dependant on the continuance of the College of Baton Rouge. My official services in the Church have been rendered without any compensation.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 5,) 6 ;—Marriages, 1 ;—Funerals, 2 ;—Communicants, 5.

R. H. RANNEY.

From the Church at Natchitoches.

This church was organized on the 23d day of May, 1841, since which time, the Minister reports the following ecclesiastical services :

Baptisms, (infants,) 4 ;—Marriages, 3 ;—Interments, 2 ;—Communicants, 7 ;—Families, 48 ;—Sunday Scholars, 60 ;—Teachers, 8.

Contributed, towards the Spirit of Missions, \$20 ;—for the purchase of an Organ, \$131.50 ;—for Sunday School Books, \$20.

Since the organization of the Parish, public services have been held twice on each Sunday till December ; since which time, the evening service has been interrupted by the occupation of the Court House by the Methodists.

A liberal supply of Prayer Books has enabled me to distribute them at Greenwood, Shreveport, Alexandria, and Donaldsonville, and to place two or three copies in each steamboat on Red River.

JOHN BURKE,

Missionary at Natchitoches.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Lewis,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it do adjourn to meet in Grace Church, St. Francisville, on the third Wednesday of January, 1843.

The following Resolution, presented by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, and seconded by the Hon. Thomas Butler, was laid on the table, for consideration at the next annual meeting :

*Resolved*, That the second article of the Constitution of this Diocese be so amended, as to allow and require every Annual Convention to fix the time and place of meeting of each succeeding Annual Convention.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be published the Journals of the two Conventions of this Church held during the last year, as also the Journal of this Convention : and inasmuch as the preceding Journals are nearly out of print, and contain matters of interest to the Church at large in this Diocese : that he cause the same to be reprinted, together with a brief history of the Episcopal Church in Louisiana ; and that he call upon the several churches for their assessments in defraying the expenses of the publication.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

LUCIUS C. DUNCAN, *Secretary*.

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**APPENDIX.**

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IN compliance with a resolution of the Convention of 1842, the Secretary has collected and embodied in the following brief narrative the most important facts, connected with the early history of the Church in *Louisiana* :

By treaty with France, in April, 1803, Louisiana was ceded to the United States, and possession was given in the following December. Among the American residents at that period were a number of Protestants, who early associated themselves for the purpose of establishing a church in the city of New Orleans. The earliest record of their proceedings, is found in the Minutes of Christ Church, New Orleans; from which it appears that, on the 2nd day of June, 1805, a number of gentlemen assembled for the purpose "of obtaining as speedily as possible a Protestant Clergyman to come and reside in New Orleans to preach the Gospel." A second meeting was held on the 9th of June in the same year; when it was resolved to hold a general meeting on the 15th of the same month, "to determine the Religious Denomination of the Clergyman to be invited;" and at that general meeting, it was found that, out of the 53 votes given, 45 were in favour of an Episcopal clergyman, 7 of a Presbyterian, and 1 of a Methodist. It was at the same meeting resolved, that the new church be known by the name of CHRIST CHURCH.

A Committee of Correspondence was immediately appointed to confer with the Bishops of the Church in the Northern States, which resulted in the appointment of the Rev. Philander Chase, then a Presbyterian in the Diocese of New-York, who entered upon his duties in November in the same year; and continued to hold the office of Rector of the parish till March, 1811, when he removed to Connecticut.

On the 3d of July, 1805, the first Protestant Church in Louisiana was incorporated by the Territorial Government, under the title of "The Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, in the County of Orleans." On the 2nd of May in the following year, the title was changed to that of "The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of Christ Church, in the County of Orleans, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America:"—which charter still continues in force.

From the period of the departure of Mr. Chase till 1814, the Church was without a Rector. During that year, the Rev. James F. Hull was invited to that office, which he continued to fill till his death, which occurred in the spring of 1833.

In the autumn of 1834, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, of the Diocese of Connecticut, visited New Orleans on the invitation of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, and remained through the winter discharging the duties of Rector of the parish. In the month of March,



1835, a Convention of the Dioceses of Mississippi and Alabama, and of the Churches of Louisiana, was held in New Orleans, under the authority of a Canon of the General Convention, allowing said Dioceses and Churches to unite in the election of a Bishop. This Convention adopted a Constitution, and assumed the title of "The South Western Diocese;" and proceeded to the election of the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes as their Bishop; who declined the appointment.

During parts of the years 1835, and 1836, the Church was favoured with only occasional ministrations; and in the autumn of 1836, Bishop Brownell again acceded to the invitation of the Vestry to pay them a visit; and continued with the Parish through the winter.

In the spring of 1837 he consecrated the new church edifice, Christ Church, Canal Street. The following appropriate hymn formed a part of that interesting ceremony :

### HYMN,

FOR THE CONSECRATION OF CHRIST CHURCH.

By Mrs. Sigourney.

#### I.

BEHOLD the Temple! God of grace!  
From each unhallowed purpose free,  
Which, trusting in our Saviour's name,  
We gladly consecrate to Thee.

#### II.

Here bid our prayers accepted rise;  
Bend to our praise Thy listening ear,  
And smile upon the vows that break  
From fervent lips and hearts sincere.

#### III.

The pure baptismal water bless,  
Which here our infant race shall seal,  
And with Thy presence cheer the flock  
That daily round this altar kneel.

#### IV.

Lift up your heads, ye holy gates,  
And hail the Gospel's peaceful sway,  
Yea, lift your heads exulting high,  
And give the King of glory way.

#### V.

So may the gates of Heaven unfold,  
With music's everlasting strain,  
To many a soul who 'neath this dome  
Salvation's priceless pearl shall gain.

On the 15th of February, 1837, the Wardens and Vestry unanimously elected the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., then President of Washington College in Connecticut, as their Rector; who entered on the duties of his office in November, and was instituted early in the following year.

On the 28th of April, 1838, a Convention of the Clergy and Churches of Louisiana was held in Christ Church, for the purpose of organiz-

ing said churches into an independent Diocese. A Constitution was adopted, and delegates were appointed to attend the General Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, in September of the same year; at which time, Louisiana was admitted as a Diocese in connexion with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The first Annual Convention was held on the 16th of January, 1839; when, by a unanimous vote, the Diocese was placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., then Missionary Bishop of Arkansas. The charge was accepted, and Bishop Polk continued to officiate as Bishop of the Diocese till the General Convention of 1841.

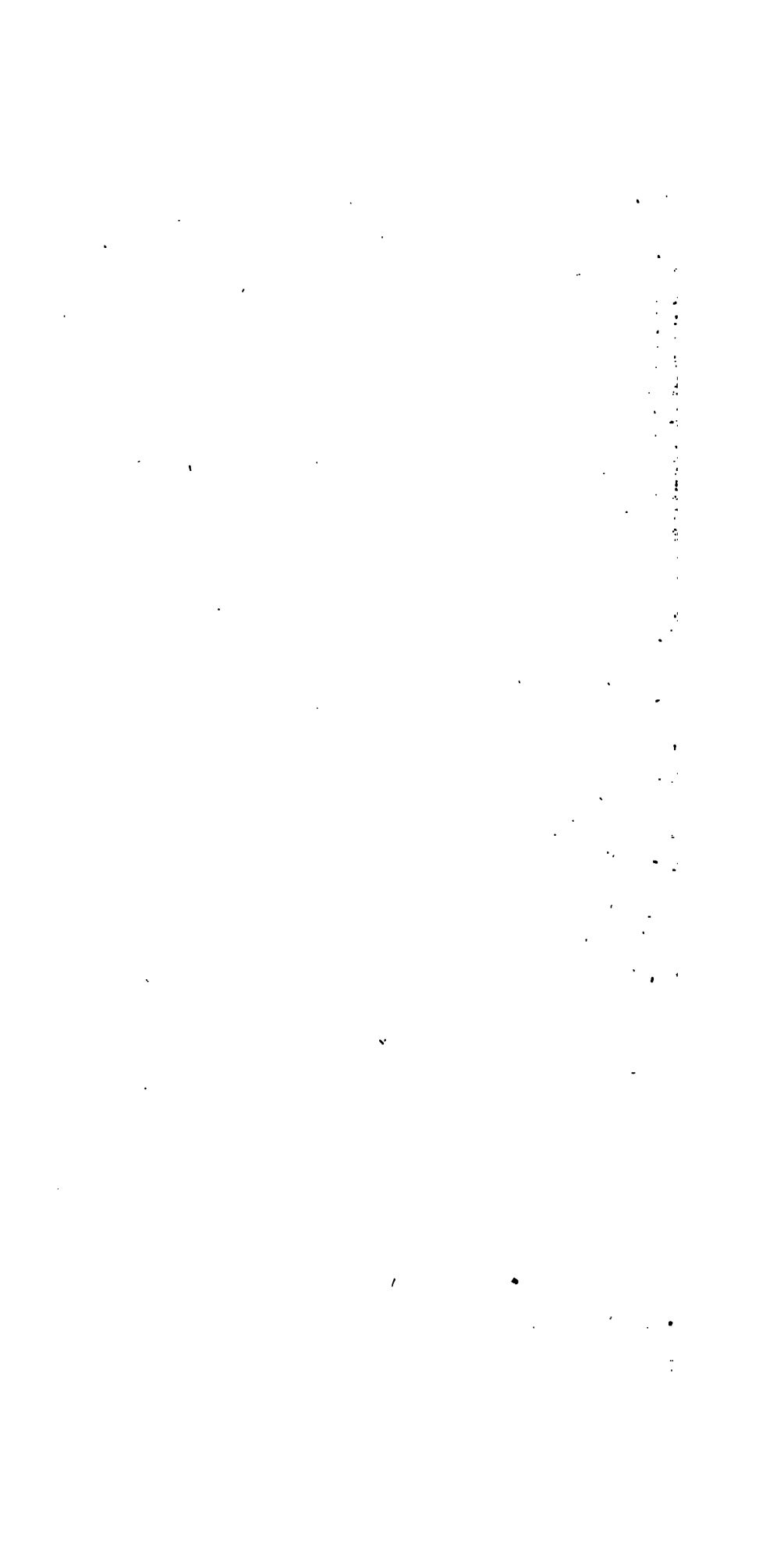
To that Convention, a memorial was presented, from a Special Convention of the Diocese, held in May of the same year, soliciting the election of a Bishop of Louisiana; which resulted in the appointment, by an unanimous vote of both houses, of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk to the office.

As the history of Christ Church is, in fact, the history of the Church in Louisiana, during the early period of its existence, the narrative has not been interrupted by a reference to ecclesiastical proceedings in other parts of the State.

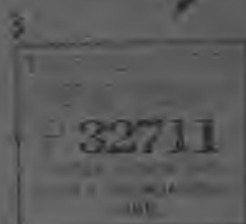
On the 16th of March, 1820, a church was incorporated under the title of "The Episcopal Congregation of Baton Rouge." The members of this congregation have been few in numbers, and are held together by the voluntary ministrations of the President of the College. The Church has never been regularly organized.

On the 7th of February, 1829, Grace Church, St. Francisville, was incorporated, a congregation having been previously gathered by the labours of the Rev. Mr. Bowman, who came to St. Francisville as a Missionary in 1826, and remained there till his death, which happened in August, 1835. The Church was supplied, with occasional interruptions, by the Rev. Messrs. Monroe and Ranney, till 1839; when the present Rector, the Rev. D. S. Lewis, was called to the charge of the Parish.

St. Paul's Church, in the City of New Orleans, was incorporated on the 14th of February, 1840, under the pastoral care of the present Rector, the Rev. Charles Goodrich, who commenced his labours in the autumn of the year 1838. The church was consecrated in March, 1840, and is a very neat and convenient edifice.



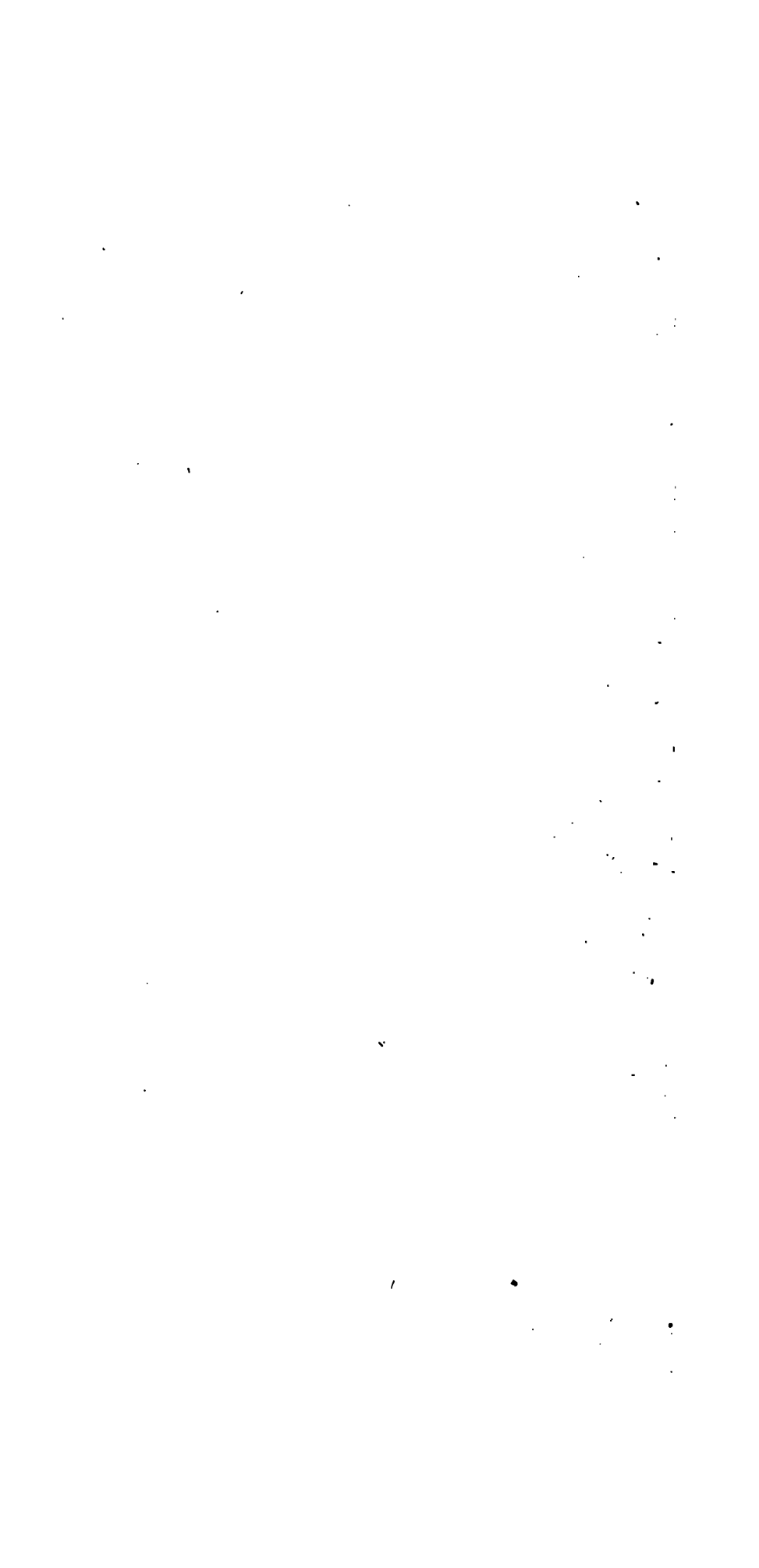
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TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

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Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and  
residing at Thibodeauxville.

Rev. JOHN BURKE, Minister of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Pauls Church, New-  
Orleans.

Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., President of the College of  
Louisiana, Jackson.

Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

Rev. RODERICK H. RANNEY, President of the College at Baton  
Rouge.

Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.

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GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, JAN. 18, 1843.

THIS being the day designated by the Constitution for the annual meeting of the Convention, several of the Clergy and Laity assembled in Grace Church, St. Francisville, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Litton of Tennessee, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Renouf, of Massachusetts, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton of New-Orleans. After the administration of the Holy Communion, the Convention was called to order by Dr. Wheaton, President *pro tempore*, in the absence of the Bishop. George E. Payne was chosen Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Lacey and the Hon. Thomas Butler were appointed a Committee, to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates, and report to the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow after divine service.

JANUARY 19.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment. Divine service was performed by the Rev. Messrs. Goodrich and Burke, and a sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Convention was then called to order—the Bishop in the Chair.

On calling the roll, the following Clerical members answered to their names; viz.

Rev. John Burke, Rev. C. Goodrich, Rev. W. B. Lacey, D. D., Rev. D. S. Lewis, and Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D.

The Committee on certificates of the Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen as duly chosen, viz.

From Christ Church, New-Orleans,—Joseph N. Chambers, Benjamin Lowndes, George E. Payne, J. M. Norman, and J. B. Grayson.

From St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans,—J. W. Andrews.

From Grace Church, St. Francisville,—Thomas Butler, Ira Smith, and J. J. Weems.

From Trinity Church, Natchitoches,—J. G. Campbell, A. Sompey-  
rac, E. O. Blanchard, G. S. Walmsley, and W. B. Young.

The roll being called, the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats; viz.

Messrs. Chambers, Payne, Andrews, Butler, Smith, Weems, and Young.

On motion, Resolved, that the Clergy of other Dioceses, who may happen to be present, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention. Whereupon, the following Clergymen took their seats as honorary members; the Rev. Messrs. Crane and Boyd from Mississippi; the Rev. Mr. Litton from Tennessee; the Rev. Mr. Renouf from Massachusetts; and the Rev. Mr. Eaton from Texas.

The minutes of the session yesterday were then read and approved after which the Bishop delivered the following

## ADDRESS.

### BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY.

We are again permitted, by the good providence of God, to assemble in Convention, to deliberate on the affairs of that portion of the Church of Christ committed to our care; and I would invoke you to join in offering up to our heavenly Father sincere and devout thanks, for the many mercies he has vouchsafed us, as members of his kingdom on earth, during the last ecclesiastical year.

Our number, though small, has not been made less by the hand of death; and God has been very merciful in abating the violence of the pestilence, to which a certain portion of our population, more or less intimately associated with all the rest, is annually exposed. For these mercies of his Providence, and the greater mercies of his Grace let us feel ourselves constrained to be devoted for the future more unreservedly to his service.

Before proceeding to the business of the Convention, I shall lay before you, in obedience to the requisition of the canons, the records of my official acts since the last Convention; with such other information and suggestions, as the state of the Diocese and of the Church large seems to me to demand.

I have during the last year given my official approbation to the consecration of the Rev. John Johns, D. D., and the Rev. Manton Eaburn, D. D. to the office of the Episcopate, the former as Assistant Bishop of Virginia; the latter as Assistant Bishop of Massachusetts. The consecration of both these gentlemen you have seen announced in the public prints; and herein do we find cause for deep gratitude to Almighty God, who continues thus to watch over and guard the interests of his Church, extending its benefits through the instrumentality

of the apostolical office, and by the labors of well tried and faithful men.

My exertions for the welfare of our own Diocese have been, for several reasons, less during the year past, than during any similar period since my official connexion with it. The want of health in the early part of the year, and the necessity of being absent with a view to the removal of my family hither, have prevented my seeing certain portions of the Diocese, which I had confidently hoped to embrace in my yearly visitation.

On the Sunday immediately following the adjournment of the last Convention, I preached in Christ Church, New-Orleans, in the morning, and in St. Pauls, in the same City, in the afternoon.

During the six weeks next ensuing, I was disqualified for the performance of any official duty, by an attack of inflammation of the lungs. On my recovery, I held service on La Fourche, and preached on the 13th of March, to a devout congregation of colored persons.

The Sunday following, March 20th, I passed in the City of New-Orleans, where by appointment I preached and held confirmation, in the morning in Christ Church, where I confirmed nine persons, and in the afternoon in St. Pauls, where I confirmed four others.

On Easter Sunday, I officiated in St. Pauls Church, New-Orleans, in the morning, and in Christ Church at night.

On the Sunday after, 3d April, I read the service and preached at Donaldsonville. This was the second occasion on which the services of the Church had ever been held there. And I could not but remark on the familiarity manifested by a highly respectable congregation with our formularies, indicating very plainly, that it was a point at which, at no distant day, we might see a congregation organized, and a Church edifice erected.

The two following Sundays were passed on La Fourche, and devoted to the colored race.

The next Sunday, April 24th, I devoted to St. Pauls Church, New-Orleans, reading service and preaching morning and afternoon.

On Sunday the 8th May, I read the service and preached at Thibodeaux to a congregation assembled in the Court House.

On Thursday the 12th, I met such of the citizens of Donaldsonville and vicinity as were favorable to the establishment of the Church in that place; and a parish was organized to be connected with the Church in this Diocese, and to be called the parish of the Ascension. Measures have been taken to provide for and invite a minister to take charge of it.

I look upon this parish as one of a good deal of importance, not only in itself, but in regard to the country connected with it, both by

the Mississippi and La Fourche. May the Great Head of the Church give such wisdom and zeal to his people, that this and every enterprise among us, having for its end the glory of his name and the good of men, be speedily accomplished.

Immediately after the formation of the Congregation at Donaldsonville, I left the Diocese for the purpose of removing my family from east of the mountains, to Tennessee, my former residence, and thence to my new home. And although it does not come precisely within the range of such a narrative as this to notice acts performed without the Diocese, yet I take the liberty of mentioning them here, as no record is likely to be made of them elsewhere.

The first and second Sundays after Trinity, I passed in St. Johns parish, Maury County, Tennessee, where I had service and preached for the colored people of the parish.

On the sixth Sunday after Trinity, I preached in the parish of Christ Church, Raleigh, N. C.; as also on the eighth and ninth Sundays after Trinity.

In the same parish, during my visit, I celebrated one marriage, baptized an infant, and performed the funeral service once.

The tenth Sunday after Trinity, I passed in the parish of the Rev. Mr. Forbes, Missionary for Lincolnton, N. C. and parts adjacent, for whom I preached.

On the thirteenth and fourteenth Sundays after Trinity, I read service and preached in St. Johns parish, Maury County, Tennessee.

On the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, I assisted the Rt. Rev. Dr. Otey, Bishop of Tennessee, in the consecration of the Church recently erected in the same parish; and at his request confirmed two persons.

From that period, to the 24th Sunday after Trinity inclusive, I officiated regularly in St. Johns Church every Sunday. During that time, I baptized two adults, one white and one colored, and two children, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the holy communion twice.

On Advent Sunday, I preached in the morning and at night in Calvary parish, Memphis.

On the second Sunday in Advent, I read service and preached on board the steamer Edwin Hickman, on the Mississippi river.

On the third Sunday in Advent, I read service and preached to a congregation of colored people in La Fourche.

On the fourth Sunday in advent, I preached to the same people in the morning, and in the afternoon, read service for the Rev. Mr. Renouf, who preached.

On Christmas day, I had service and preached in the Court-house at Thibodeaux: Also on the Sunday following.

On the 8th January, first Sunday after Epiphany, I preached in

Christ Church, New-Orleans, and in the afternoon of the same day at St. Pauls.

Besides the above acts, I have celebrated three marriages, and performed the funeral service twice.

Of changes among the Clergy there have been none.

Mr. William F. Brand, a candidate for orders in this Diocese, has been transferred at his own request to the Diocese of New York; and I am happy to inform you that we have now the prospect of having two others added to the list.

While upon the subject of candidates for orders, let me urge upon my brethren of the Clergy especially, the duty of bringing the pressing wants of the Church in this particular before the young of their flocks, and exhorting them to take seriously to heart the enquiry, how far their obligations to God demand their giving themselves up to this work. We must for many reasons raise up Clergy from among ourselves, either from those who have come to make their homes among us, or from natives of the soil. The duty of seeking out such persons devolves most naturally upon those who are charged with the spiritual oversight of the people; and who, from experience of the difficulties of their work, are most likely to be impressed with the importance of multiplying laborers for its performance. I trust, therefore, my brethren of the Clergy will regard it as matter of most serious importance for the welfare of the Diocese, and the perishing souls who are in the midst of us; and that they will make it a matter, not only of watchfulness, but of prayer, that the Chief Shepherd may incline the hearts of many among the young to count it their high privilege, and their chief joy to serve him in the sanctuary.

During the last year I have received official notice from the Bishop of North Carolina of the degradation of John A. Backhouse from the ministry :

Also from the Bishop of New-York, notice of the degradation of John Knill, and of the displacement of James Roosevelt Bayley; in the case of the latter, for causes not affecting his moral character.

There is a subject, my brethren, which most intimately concerns us as Christians and Christian ministers, in our peculiar field of labor; I mean, provision for the religious instruction of the colored race. These people commend themselves very strongly to our charities in this respect, for many reasons. It is one of the chiefest charms of the Gospel of Christ, that it seeks to equalize the human condition; and to compensate, by the richness of its spiritual provisions, for the disparities existing in the worldly circumstances of our race. It is eminently therefore the property of the poor. Our divine Master proclaimed himself as their messenger, and pointed to his care for their spiritual wel-

rare as one of the evidences of his messiahship. If we would be his followers, we must tread in his steps, and be animated by his spirit. The poor are found among the laboring classes in all communities; and their claim to our attention and Christian offices here, is greatly strengthened by their peculiar condition of dependence. It is moreover true, that this condition, while it often affords great advantages for the communication of religious instruction, pre-disposes the mind to a teachable disposition, and a readiness to receive and obey the truth.—Encouragements are therefore found for the performance of this duty, not only from its addressing itself to our natural sympathies and Christian affections, but also from its presenting a promising field, from which we may reasonably expect to reap the fruits of our labor.

In order however to ensure any great degree of success in this enterprise, we must have the countenance and hearty co-operation of our brethren of the laity. It is for them to open the door of access to this field. It is under the protection of their influence, that this work must be done. And, upon this point, as far as my acquaintance goes, it gives me great pleasure to state, that I have in no instance found them backward, or indifferent to the furtherance of this object. It being distinctly understood and seen, that our purpose is to teach all orders and degrees of men, in the language of one of our formularies, "to do their duty in that state of life, in which it has pleased God to call them:" that we are not political crusaders, but simple and guileless teachers of that Gospel which was preached by our Saviour and his Apostles, in a region whose social condition was altogether similar to our own; that as they did not condescend, in the execution of their high errand, to dogmatize on the civil relations or rights of individuals, but rather to bind the consciences and the affections to the faithful discharge of the duties of those relations; and by the inculcation of right principles, to leave those relations themselves to be regulated by the intelligent consciences of the parties; so we, who have "part of the same ministry and apostleship," are chiefly concerned with the hearts and consciences of those to whom we go. This being perceived, I say no difficulty need be apprehended in obtaining access to all minds. In this connexion too, I may be permitted to express the hope, that the day is not distant, when the Church, by wise and temperate legislation, will open the way for our obtaining the services of a class of men suited to the instruction of this description of persons; and when she may, with less jealousy for her intellectual reputation, and more concern for the salvation of the perishing multitudes around her, adopt measures by which she may challenge for herself, with some propriety, the character of preaching the Gospel to the poor.

You have doubtless not failed to observe the great diversity of sen-

timent which prevails in the Church on the subject of its general Missionary organization. And as our Diocese lies in that part of our country which is properly embraced in the Missionary field; the arrangements for the conduct of Missions cannot but be deeply interesting to us. I shall not feel it out of place, therefore, to advert to that subject here.

I have been hitherto numbered among those who, though thinking the present organization not without its defects, yet saw nothing in the proposed modifications likely to meet with more general favor; and have therefore been disposed to sustain it as it is: But from the continued manifestation of discontent in many quarters, and the lamentable decline of the society's funds, I am inclined to believe it is not likely longer to retain the confidence of the Church, and that some modification has become necessary. It is scarcely to be presumed that any one plan of alterations, among the many which have been suggested, will meet with very general favor; and though this is not the place to go as fully as might be desired into an examination of this subject, yet I cannot forbear submitting a few suggestions which have commended themselves with great force to my own mind, and seem not to have been without their effect upon others.

For the conduct of the Missionary work, it is known, that almost all the Dioceses have organizations of their own; either in the shape of Societies or Committees. To say nothing of the confusion likely to arise from presenting to our people the claims of two associations, having in view the same objects, a practical difficulty presents itself in the working of these Societies or Committees, and the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board.

We all feel that the power of appointing the Missionaries in our own Diocese, and directing and controlling their movements, belongs, under our system, of necessity and with propriety, to the Bishops.—As to the Missionaries, imbued as they are, with the spirit characterizing and animating the Church, they feel that their alliance is naturally, and of course, with their respective Diocesans, to whom they owe whatever of spiritual obedience and responsibility is due from them to any other on earth. The Missionaries ought then to be appointed directly by the Bishops of the respective Dioceses, to whom they should be as directly responsible.

Each Bishop, in the conduct of Missions in his own Diocese, it is presumed, would desire a Council of Advice, which, under the character of a Missionary Committee, should be charged, as the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board now is, with receiving from abroad, collecting and appropriating, funds for the support of the Missionaries.



These Missionary Committees, appointed by the Diocesan Convention in each of the organized Dioceses, and by the Board of Missions in each unorganized Missionary District or Territory, with their secretaries and treasurers, being charged with the duty of voting salaries to the Missionaries, would relieve the Bishops from that unpleasant duty, on the one hand, and the Missionaries from a feeling of dependence on their Bishops, on the other. And if some general plan were adopted in all the Dioceses, by which a certain portion of all sums contributed, not specially appropriated, should go, say in equal portions, to Diocesan, Domestic, and Foreign Missions; the portion for Domestic Missions to be transmitted to a Treasurer, to be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Missions, and to be distributed under the direction of the Board among such of the Domestic Committees as the Board from time to time shall direct; and the portion for Foreign Missions, by a Foreign Committee, composed as now, with its Treasurer and Secretary, and General Agent; we should be relieved of the Domestic Secretary, with the expense incident to his appointment. This, too, would enable us to dispense with the Domestic Committee of the Board, and to be rid of its alleged incompetency to act in the distant West; as well as of what is thought to be its anomalous and odious exercise of Episcopal powers.

The Officers of the Board would then be, a Secretary, as now, and Treasurer, both of whom, as the former now does, would perform their offices gratuitously.

The salaried officers would be the Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee, and his Clerk or Clerks; we say Clerks, because, as the Secretary would be charged with the duty of editing the Spirit of Missions, two might be necessary.

This organization, while it secures the independence of Dioceses, also ensures a greater degree of responsibility and economy in the disbursement of the Missionary funds; and by leaving each Diocese free to dispose of the appropriations made it, in such way as its Committee shall judge expedient; the way is opened for discarding the invidious distinction observed in the appropriations of the Missionary funds among the different orders of the Ministry; and the Bishops, who in the new and weaker Dioceses are the chief Missionaries, may receive that aid which hitherto has been unnaturally denied them. By this means, furthermore, we might hope with reason to increase the number of Bishops for the Home Missionary field.

If Bishops are necessary to supervise, sustain, and render efficient, not to say authoritative, Missionary operations at home, they are clearly so abroad. It follows then, that we need the services of one or more Foreign Missionary Bishops, who shall reside either at home or abroad, as the case may require, and be charged with the oversight of

the Churches' foreign operations. Upon this point, as far as I am informed, there seems happily no division among us.

When the Church sends her funds abroad for the spread of the Gospel, she has a right to know how they have been applied, and what amount of good her benefactions are accomplishing.

It is legitimate, therefore, that she should require of the Bishops, whether Foreign or Domestic, in whose jurisdiction expenditures are made, periodical reports of the associations under their charge.—These would be published of course, through the Spirit of Missions; and would place the Church in possession of the desired information.—Nor need these reports be considered as superseding communications from the Missionaries themselves, who might be as free as at present to state the condition of their respective fields of labor, furnish such intelligence as might be deemed edifying, or make appeals for pecuniary aid, additional labor, or an interest in the prayers of God's faithful people.

There are other points touching the principles on which the Society is organized, which have been brought into discussion, and about which there is a very wide difference of opinion. I have preferred confining myself to those which do not warrant any very radical change, and on which there is some hope of obtaining a fair amount of unity of sentiment. And although these views may find but little sympathy in the minds of others; still as they have commended themselves very strongly to my own, I have felt it a duty to spread them before the Church.

I will detain you no longer from the duties immediately before you, than to recommend you to appoint a Diocesan Missionary Committee; and commend you in all your deliberations to the guidance and blessing of the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

LEONIDAS POLK.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a Missionary Committee for the ensuing year; viz.—Rev. N. S. Wheaton, Rev. D. S. Lewis, Messrs. Thomas Sloo, and Benjamin Lowndes.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Lacey and the Hon. J. J. Weems were appointed a Committee to nominate a Standing Committee for the following year; who reported the Rev. Messrs. Wheaton, Goodrich, and Lewis, of the Clergy; and Thomas Butler, Charles Harrod, and J. W. Andrews, of the Laity; whereupon, it was

*Resolved*, that the aforesaid nomination be, and hereby is, confirmed.

The Parochial Reports being called for by the President, the following were presented.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

**Christ Church, New-Orleans; Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D. Rector.**

Baptisms, (infants, 26; adults, 2,) 28:—Marriages 18; Funerals 25  
Confirmed 9; Communicants about 160.

The Sunday School, though not numerous, is taught in a very efficient manner; and to the usual branches of instruction have been added the theory and practice of Sacred Music, under the indefatigable care of the Organist, Mr. Müller. Great changes have taken place in the parish during the last year, arising from the general commercial embarrassment; but it is hoped the effect will be only temporary.—The Rector is enabled to report only that silent, gradual advancement in spiritual things, which is the usual result of regular ministrations and constant parochial supervision.

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### Grace Church, St. Francisville.

Baptisms 30; Marriages 7; Interments 20; Communicants 25;  
Removed 7; Died 2; Added 4; Sunday Scholars 45; Teachers 8;  
S. S. Library 300 vols. Contributions for benevolent purposes \$300.

The spiritual prospects of the Church continue encouraging. The Rector would here add that, through the liberality of an individual of the Parish, a service of plate for the celebration of the communion has been presented to the Church.

D. S. LEWIS, *Rector*.

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The Rector of St. Pauls Church, New-Orleans, reports as follows:

Baptisms (adults 2, infants 22,) 24; Communicants, (added 15, removed 2,) 59; Funerals 19; Marriages 5. The Sunday School continues in a very prosperous condition. Number of Children 104; Teachers 17. The following sums have been contributed by the congregation for Missionary and other purposes,----- \$509 00

Christmas offering by the Sunday School,----- 23 00

By the Ladies' Sewing Circle—proceeds of a Fair,----- 2200 00

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Total,----- \$2732 00

The general interests of the parish are prosperous.

C. GOODRICH, *Rector*.

Trinity Church, Natchitoches, Rev. JOHN BURKE, Missionary, Baptisms, (infants 34, adults 2,) 36; Marriage, 1; Interments, 16; Communicants, (removed 6, added 10,) 13; Families, 60; Collected at Ladies' Fair, \$415; Weekly Collections at divine service, from \$1 50 to \$2 50; Sunday Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 4.

The attendance on the Sunday School has been of late irregular, owing partly to the want of books, (for a supply of which we appeal to the benevolence of the friends of Christian education in the older States of the Union :) partly to the absence and illness of Teachers; and partly to general laxity in domestic discipline, and the indifference of parents and children to religious instruction.

A great change for the better has, in the opinion of your Missionary, taken place within the last twelve months, in the moral condition of the community in the town of Natchitoches. The attendance on public worship varies much in point of numbers. Our late congregations, however, abundantly manifest a still increasing interest in the services of the Church. We fearlessly predict that, in the open and undisguised struggle between religion and irreligion yet going on, the former must speedily triumph.

Could we once succeed in bringing about a better observance of the Sabbath—as we hope, with God's blessing, we shall—the utter extirpation of traffic on that day, and in the erection of a Protestant Church, so promotive of these ends; (and for which we now most earnestly solicit, through our Bishop and others, the contributions of the benevolent,) we might soon have reason to congratulate the parish and town as being second to none in quietness, prosperity, and the piety of the citizens.

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The Rev. Dr. Lacey, President of the College of Louisiana, Jackson, reported that, having no cure, he has officiated during the last year nearly every Sunday, either in Jackson, Clinton, or St. Francisville; having in that period baptised one infant, and celebrated two marriages.

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The Resolution of the last Convention so to amend the second article of the Constitution “as to allow and require every annual Convention to fix the time and place of meeting of each succeeding annual Convention,” was then called up and passed.

[The first sentence of the Article, thus amended, will stand as follows:—“The Annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be

*held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention."*]

On motion, Resolved, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Trinity Church, Natchitoches, on the Third Thursday in April, 1844.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to draw up some rules of order to be observed during the session of the Conventions, and to report to the next Annual Convention.

The President appointed the Rev. Dr. Lacey, Rev. D. S. Lewis, and the Hon. Thomas Butler on the Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to nominate Clerical and Lay Delegates to attend the next General Convention.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned till to-morrow immediately after divine service.

#### JANUARY 20.

After divine service by the Rev. Mr. Boyd of Vicksburg, and the Rev. Mr. Crane of Woodville, Miss., the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Present—of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Burke, Goodrich, Lacey, Lewis, and Wheaton—of the Laity, Messrs. Butler, Smith, Andrews, Chambers, Payne, and Young.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read, amended, and approved.

The Committee to nominate Clerical and Lay Delegates to the next General Convention reported the following gentlemen, who were unanimously elected;—Of the Clergy, the Rev. Drs. Wheaton and Lacey, and the Rev. Messrs. Lewis and Goodrich; Of the Laity, Thomas Butler, Ira Smith, J. W. Andrews, and Geo. E. Payne.

Resolved, that it is hereby made the duty of the Missionary Committee to receive, and take care of, the contributions which may be made towards the support of Missionaries in this Diocese; and to disburse the same in concurrence with the Bishop.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Ministers of this Diocese to make an annual collection for Missionary purposes within the Diocese, on the first Sunday after the Epiphany; to be placed at the disposal of the Missionary Committee.

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector and members of the congregation of Grace Church,

St. Francisville, for their christian hospitality to the Clergy and Laity of other parishes who have attended the Convention.

**Resolved**, that a Committee be appointed to report to the next Convention any measures they may deem necessary and proper for the support of superannuated and infirm members of the Clergy of this Diocese; and for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen of the same.

Thomas Butler, Thomas Sloo, jr. and Geo. E. Payne were appointed the Committee.

**Resolved**, that the Secretary be authorized to append to the journals a notice of the Missionary meeting held this day in Grace Church, St. Francisville; together with the Resolutions offered at the same.

The minutes of the session this morning were then read, amended, and approved.

After prayers and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest— GEO. E. PAYNE, *Secretary*.

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## NOTICE

*Of a meeting held in behalf of Missions, in Grace Church, St. Francisville, during the session of the Convention.*

Previously to opening the Convention on Friday, January 20, after Morning Prayers, a meeting was held in the Church, of the friends of Missions, comprehending the Clergy present at the Convention, with the Lay Delegates, and a highly respectable congregation gathered from the parish and neighborhood.

The meeting was opened by the Bishop with appropriate remarks, tending to show the importance of enlisting more effectually the co-operation of the Church in spreading abroad a knowledge of its institutions; and especially here in the South-west, where there is so great a destitution of Christian ordinances in any form.

The following Resolution was submitted by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Litton; both of whom addressed the meeting:

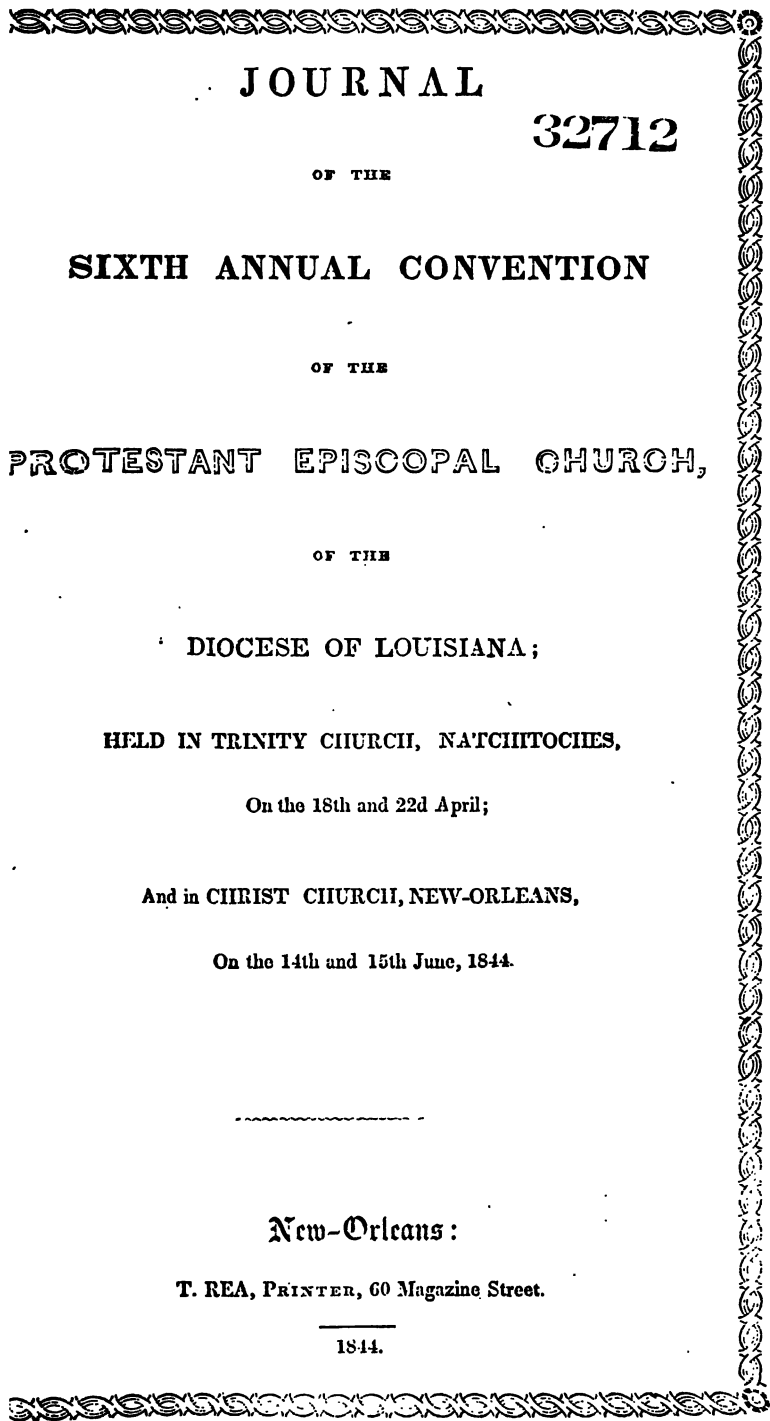
**Resolved**, that in view of the present deficiency in the funds of the Missionary Society, Domestic and Foreign, and the suffering condition of the Missionaries at home and abroad, the children of the Church should feel themselves called upon, by their duty to God and

man, to respond, liberally and immediately, to the late urgent appeal of the Committees of the Church.

The following Resolution was introduced, with a few remarks, by Dr. Wheaton, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Burke, who also made an address:—

Resolved, that while it is the duty and privilege of members of the Church to extend its blessings wherever God in his providence shall open the way; there results, from its organization into Dioceses, peculiar facilities for the accomplishment of this object, of which this Diocese ought especially to avail itself.

A spirit of great unanimity appeared to prevail in regard to the necessity of more vigorous exertions to sustain the cause of Missions; and it is hoped that the interest manifested on the occasion will be perpetuated and increased, till the ministrations of the Church shall be known in every town and hamlet in the Diocese; and liberal contributions made to sustain those who are laboring in the cause in foreign lands.



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### **LIST OF THE CLERGY.**

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**Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.,** Bishop of the Diocese, and residing at Thibodeauxville.

**Rev. JOHN BURKE,** Minister of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

**Rev. CHARLES FAY,** residing at Bayou Goula, Parish of Iberville.

**Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.

**Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D.,** President of the College of Louisiana, Jackson.

**Rev. A. H. LAMON,** Minister of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.

**Rev. D. S. LEWIS,** Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

**Rev. RODERICK H. RANNEY,** President of the College at Baton Rouge.

**Rev. N. S. WHEATON,** Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.

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TRINITY CHURCH, }  
Natchitoches, *April 18, 1844.* }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention, several delegates assembled; but a quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet on the 22d inst.

MONDAY, *April 22d.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; the Bishop in the chair.

J. Taylor was appointed Secretary.

On calling the roll, the following gentlemen were found to be present:

*Of the Clergy*—The Rev. John Burke.

*Of the Laity*—S. M. Tibbats, P. A. Morse, Amb. Sompeyrac, Sen., W. B. Young, and John Taylor.

On motion by the Rev. John Burke, it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention stand adjourned, to meet in New-Orleans, on Friday, the 14th of June next.

J. TAYLOR, Sec'ry.

CHRIST CHURCH,  
New-Orleans, *June 14, 1844.* }

The Bishop, and several of the clergy and lay delegates, assembled in Christ Church, agreeably to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Lacey, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Lamon, of West Baton Rouge. After the administration of the Holy Communion, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, and the roll having been called by the Secretary of the preceding Convention, the following clergy answered to their names: Charles Goodrich, Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., Roderick H. Ranney, and N. S. Wheaton, D. D.

The Rev. Charles Goodrich was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

Dr. Wheaton and J. W. Andrews, Esq. were appointed a committee to receive and examine certificates of the lay delegates, and report to the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, *June 15.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after morning prayer by the Rev. C. Goodrich, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The minutes of the session yesterday were read and approved.

At the calling of the roll, the following clerical members were found to be present :

Rev. Charles Goodrich, Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., Roderick H. Ranney, and N. S. Wheaton, D. D.

The Committee, appointed to receive and examine certificates of lay delegates, reported the following persons as entitled to seats in this Convention :

*St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.*—J. W. Andrews, Sheldon S. Clark, L. Dupuy, Thomas M. Logan.

*Christ Church, New-Orleans.*—Richard Relf, A. Lanfear, C. Harrod, J. Minturn, J. Nicholson.

*Grace Church, St. Francisville.*—Ira Smith, P. B. McKelvy, J. J. Weems, Thos. Butler.

The Rev. Chas. Goodrich was chosen Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Lacey, Rev. R. H. Ranney, and the Hon. Thos. Butler, were appointed a committee to examine the documents and certificates of churches applying for admission into union with this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the clergy present, who are not entitled to seats in the Convention, be admitted as honorary members thereof.

Dr. Wheaton and Mr. Minturn were appointed a committee to nominate a Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; who reported the following names, which were approved by the Convention.

Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., Rev. C. Goodrich, Rev. D. S. Lewis, Hon. Thos. Butler, Ira Smith, L. Dupuy.

The committee, to whom was referred the applications of churches for admission into union with the Convention, reported as follows :

That they have examined the documents accompanying the application of St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge, and find that said church has been in-

incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, approved March 25, 1844, and that said Act is satisfactory; but the application was not accompanied by all the documents required by the first canon of this diocese, adopted 16th Jan., 1839. Whether this informality should prevent the admission of St. James's into union with the Convention, is submitted by the Committee.

The Committee also examined the documents of the organization of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, and find them satisfactory, they being in strict compliance with the canon. They therefore recommend the admission of St. John's Church into union with the Convention.

The application of St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula, in the parish of Iberville, was accompanied with the necessary documents, and we recommend its admission into union with the Convention.

The application of St. James's Church, Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, was attended with the proper documents.

The application of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, was attended with informal papers, but the Bishop verbally vouches for the correctness of its organization.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all the Churches reported by the Committee, to wit:

St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge,  
St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge,  
St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula.  
St. James' Church, Alexandria.  
St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

be admitted into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, the Committee on the certificates of lay delegates reported the following persons as entitled to seats in this Convention:

*St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula.*—John R. Thompson, T. H. Randolph.

*St. James's Church, East Baton Rouge.*—F. D. Newcomb, Alfred Gates, Geo. S. Lacey, Wm. Markham.

*St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.*—John. P. Lobdell, J. Hereford, D. Duvall.

The following Annual Address was then delivered by the Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, Bishop of the Diocese:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

WE are again permitted, by the good providence of our divine Lord and Master, to assemble as the Council of his Church, in that portion of "the field" committed to our charge. May His spirit preside over our deliberations, and direct us in all our doings, with his most gracious favor.

According to the requisition of the Canon, my first duty is to present you with a record of my official acts.

On the Monday following the adjournment of our last Convention, January 23, 1843, I proceeded, in company with the Rev. Mr. Lewis, of St. Francisville, to the house of a venerable member of his flock, residing in the country; to whom, after an address to a large number of servants, assembled for the occasion, I administered the rite of confirmation. I proceeded the same afternoon to Jackson, where, after evening prayers by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, I preached.

Tuesday, 24.—Evening prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, and I preached at Clinton.

Thursday, 26.—Under an arrangement with the Rt. Rev. Dr. May, provisional Bishop of the diocese of Mississippi, and at the request of the Rector, I proceeded to St. Paul's Parish, Woodville, in that diocese; where I baptised one adult.



Friday, 27.—In the same parish, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, of Vicksburg, I preached, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed one other person in the same parish.

Sunday, 29.—After morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ranney, I preached at Baton Rouge, and confirmed five persons. I also administered the holy communion, assisted by Mr. Ranney.

Sunday, February 5.—Read prayers and preached to the congregation, in Thibodeaux.

Thursday, 9.—Organized in that village, St. John's parish.

Sunday, 12. Read prayers and preached to a colored congregation in Lafourche Interior.

For the next month, I was engaged in making a visitation of the diocese of Alabama; during which I preached ten sermons, administered the holy communion four times, held five confirmations, at which I administered that rite to seventy-seven persons, and consecrated three churches.

Sunday, 19.—Read prayers and preached to a colored congregation on Lafourche.

Sunday, 26.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, Thibodeaux.

Sunday, April 2.—I preached in Christ's Church, New-Orleans, in the morning, and in St. Paul's in the afternoon.

Sunday 9th.—Read prayers and preached for the colored people on Lafourche.

Easter Sunday, 16.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, Thibodeaux, and baptised eight children.

Sunday, 23.—Held confirmation in New-Orleans, and admitted to that rite thirteen persons in the parish of Christ's Church, and twelve in that of St. Paul's. In the afternoon, I preached in St. Paul's.

Sunday, 30.—After morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stamer, I preached in Ascension parish, Donaldsonville.

From May 7th to June 18th, I officiated regularly in Lafourche, alternately serving the white and colored congregations of the parish. During that period, I administered the sacrament of Baptism to two children.

Sunday, June 25.—I read prayers and preached at Napoleonville.

On the following day, I baptized a family of two adults and two children.

Sunday, July 2.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, Thibodeaux.

From that time until the 1st November, was spent in the diocese of Tennessee; during which period I administered the sacrament of baptism four times, the holy communion four times, the rite of confirmation to two persons, and preached seventeen sermons.

Sunday, November 5.—I read prayer and preached to a congregation on board the steamer Westwood, while descending the Mississippi River.

From the 12th November to the 17th December, I served the congregations of St. John's parish, Lafourche Interior.

Sunday, December 24th, I held an ordination in St. Paul's church, New Orleans, and admitted Mr. John L. Gay, of the diocese of Alabama, to the order of Deacons; on which occasion I preached and administered the holy communion.

Christmas day.—I preached in Christ's Church, New Orleans, and administered the holy communion.

Sunday, 31st.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, Thibodeaux. I also baptised five children.

January 1.—I laid, with the usual solemnities, the corner stone of a remarkably neat church in the village of Thibodeaux, for the use of the congregation of St. John's parish. It is built of brick and covered with slate, and is nearly ready for consecration. The promptitude with which the friends of the enterprise have acted is worthy of the highest praise. They will, within the period of a few months of its inception, have carried out their plan of erecting an exceedingly neat and commodious temple to the honor of God; have furnished it with the usual accompaniments, and presented it to His church for consecration, free of debt. It is a part of their plan to erect also a parsonage, for the accommodation of the clergyman, contiguous to the church. May the Lord abundantly reward them for the honor they have shown to his name.

On Sundays, 7th and 14th, I read prayers and preached in St. John's parish.

Sunday, 21.—I read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, West Baton Rouge, on which occasion I baptized one adult and one child. This parish has been organized within the present

ecclesiastical year, and under such circumstances as bid fair to make it one of our most important and promising country parishes. Efficient measures, I am informed, have been taken for building a church and securing a parsonage; and I am truly happy to know that they have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Lamon, late of the diocese of Indiana, as their pastor.

Sundays, 28th January and 4th February, were given to St. John's parish, Thibodeaux; on the former of which I read prayers for the Rev. Mr. Lewis, of St. Francisville, who preached; on the latter, I read prayers and preached.

On the 11th of February, in obedience to a request of our late venerable presiding Bishop, Dr. Griswold, I embarked for Galveston, in the Republic of Texas, with the view of making an official visitation of the missionary stations the church has established in that country. I was absent about a month. During my absence, I visited all the stations; I catechized the children; preached on eleven occasions; baptized eight children and six adults, and held three confirmations, at which I confirmed fifty-three persons; administered the holy communion three times, and consecrated two churches and one burial-ground. I arrived in New Orleans, on my return, on the morning of Sunday, 10th of March. On that day, I preached in St. Paul's Church, both morning and afternoon.

March 13.—Baptized three children in Christ's Church, New Orleans.

On Sundays, 17th, 24th and 31st March, I officiated alternately to the white and colored congregations of St. John's parish, in Lafourche, reading prayers and preaching on each occasion.

On Good Friday, I preached in Christ's Church, New Orleans.

On Easter Even, I administered the sacrament of Baptism to five children in Christ's Church.

On Easter day, I preached in the morning, and administered the holy communion in St. Paul's, New Orleans.

On Sunday, the 14th of April, I held a confirmation in New Orleans, and confirmed seven persons in Christ's Church and sixteen in St. Paul's. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Paul's Church, and at night in Christ's Church.

Sunday, 21.—I preached in Trinity Church, Natchitoches, in

the morning, and confirmed five persons. I preached also at night.

The following day, Monday, 22d, I met the Convention, which, in consequence of the small number of delegates in attendance, adjourned to meet in New-Orleans, June 14th.

On Thursday, 25th, I preached in Fort Jessup, and confirmed one person.

On Saturday, 27th, I preached in Trinity parish, Natchitoches.

On Sunday, 28th, I preached three times in Trinity parish, baptized three adults, confirmed seven persons, consecrated the church of the parish, and administered the holy communion.

Wednesday, 1st May, I preached at night in Trinity Church, Natchitoches. I cannot omit recording, as a testimony of the zeal and self devotion of the estimable clergyman in charge of this parish, that the church in the diocese is indebted under God to his persevering labors for the erection of this edifice. His assiduous devotion to this object, in the face of difficulties that would have appalled one of less courage, has won for him, as it should, the esteem and confidence of his flock. We had the happiness to see this work of his hands, though not a very large building, yet sufficiently so to accommodate his people, offered to the church as a temple of the living God, free from debt. The funds for its erection were obtained entirely within the diocese. The vestry are preparing to erect a parsonage on the same lot on which the church stands. Such evidence of God's goodness and mercy to us call for our warmest thanks and praise.

Thursday, 2d May, I baptized two children on board the steamer Côte Joyeuse, while descending Red River.

Friday, 3d.—Preached at Alexandria.

Sunday, 5th.—After morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Burke, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches, I preached in Alexandria, baptized one adult, confirmed eight persons, and administered the holy communion. I preached also at night.

On Monday, 6th, I baptised three adults in the parish of Rapides.

Wednesday, 8th, I baptized one adult and six children on Bayou Bœuff.

In the town of Alexandria, a congregation has been organized, embracing many of the families of the parish of Rapides, which bids fair to be an inviting field of labor, and one of importance in the dio-

cese. During my visit, there was a meeting of the vestry and friends of the church, and measures were taken for the erection, at an early day, of a suitable church edifice.

Saturday, 11.—I read prayers and preached in the evening, in Opelousas.

Sunday, 12.—I read prayers and preached in the morning in the same place, and baptized eight adults and three children. In the afternoon, I baptized one child.

On the following day, I met the friends of the cause, when it was resolved to organize a congregation, and take steps for the building of a church. Here too our prospects of usefulness are very inviting. In and around Opelousas, there are many families of wealth and influence attached to our church, either from having been reared within her pale, or for other reasons, who are not likely to connect themselves very readily with any other. These need only the aid of a clergyman of the proper qualifications, to be united in a congregation, in which I doubt not there would be speedily found many humble and faithful followers of Christ.

In the afternoon of Monday, May 13th, I administered the ordinance of baptism to three adults and four children.

On the morning of the 14th, I administered the same rite to three children, one white and two colored.

On the evening of the 15th, I read prayers and preached in the Court-House at St. Martinsville.

On the morning of the 16th, after a few preliminary remarks, I administered, in the same town, the ordinance of baptism to five adults and twenty-seven children, seven of whom were colored. Here too there are families enough attached to the church to form quite a respectable congregation. A parish has probably before this been organized, in which I have appointed two gentlemen to act as lay readers. In this place and Newtown, a village about nine miles further down the Têche, which I next visited, there is full employment for a clergyman; and I know of no field in the diocese, of the same extent, where a clergyman, particularly if he spoke the French language, could do more good. In Newtown, on the morning of the 17th, I administered the ordinance of baptism to three adults and three children.

Sunday, 19th.—I read prayers and preached in Franklin.

Tuesday, 21st.—Baptised two infants in that neighborhood.

In Franklin and its vicinity there are many persons who prefer the services of our church to those of any other, and who have resolved to take measures to erect a church edifice, and provide means for the support of a clergyman. This town is in the midst of one of the most fertile districts in the diocese; and the character of the population warrants the expectation, that the day is not distant when a flourishing congregation may, under the Lord's blessing, be established there.

Sunday, 26.—Read prayers and preached for the colored people in Lafourche.

Trinity Sunday, 2d May.—Read prayers and preached in St. John's parish, Lafourche Interior, in the morning for the white congregation, and in the afternoon, for the colored people. I also at the same time administered the ordinance of baptism to seventy children.

On the last Sunday, May 9th, I read prayers and preached for the colored people in Lafourche, and administered the ordinance of baptism to six adults.

I closed my labors for the conventional year by administering the holy communion in Christ's Church, New Orleans, on yesterday morning.

The following is a summary of my labors since the last Convention:

I have preached on 102 different occasions. I have baptised 43 adults and 159 children, in all 202; ordained one clergyman; consecrated seven new church edifices, and laid the corner-stone of one other; admitted one candidate for orders; received two clergymen by letters of dismission from other dioceses; transferred one; administered the holy communion 17 times, and confirmed 210 persons.

The clergyman ordained was the Rev. John L. Gay, of the diocese of Alabama. He was, for the sake of convenience, transferred to this diocese for the purpose of ordination, and has since been re-transferred.

The clergymen received into the diocese are the Rev. A. H. Lamon and the Rev. Charles Fay. The former was transferred by Bishop Kemper from the diocese of Indiana, and is officiating in a newly organized parish in West Baton Rouge. The latter was received from the diocese of Georgia, on letters of dismission

from Bishop Elliot, and is officiating at Bayou Goula. They are both rendering highly acceptable services to their parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Renouf, of the diocese of Massachusetts, officiated with much satisfaction in Franklin, St. Mary's parish, for about six months during the past year, and we are not without hope that his valuable services may be again secured.

The Rev. Mr. Stamer, of the Church of England, has officiated also for nearly twelve months in the parish of Ascension. He has recently left for the diocese of Ohio.

The Rev. Mr. Steele, of the diocese of Tennessee, is officiating in the parish of Caddo, at Greenwood.

The Rev. Mr. Wall, of the diocese of Mississippi, is employed in the instruction of youth in the College of Louisiana.

The candidate for orders is Mr. David Kerr.

The whole number of clergy laboring in the diocese is eleven, of whom, nine are canonically resident.

Four new parishes have been organized during the ecclesiastical year, viz: St. John's, Lafourche Interior; St. James's, Alexandria; St. John's, West Baton Rouge; and St. James's, East Baton Rouge; in all of which, church edifices are in a course of erection, or soon will be.

In regard to the action of the Missionary Committee, and the Committee on the subject of relief for superannuated and infirm clergymen, reports will be made to the Convention.

In reviewing the operations of the year, and the general condition of the diocese, we have great reason to be grateful to Almighty God for his blessing. Instances of his favor towards us as a church, have been constantly multiplying, and it cannot be doubted that yet greater blessings are in store for us, if we be faithful to the trust committed to our care. Our chief want is an increase of laborers; the people are not only willing, but desirous to receive them; and the difficulty of securing such as are willing to cast in their lot among us from abroad, suggests to me the duty of again pressing on the clergy the importance of seeking out suitable young persons from among ourselves, who may be trained up for the church.

As the past year has been one of more or less agitation in the church and world at large, upon the subject of the faith and order of the gospel, it may be perhaps expected I should at least advert to the topics in discussion. My own views were well known to

you before I was invited to take charge of your diocese, and have been explicitly recorded in the address delivered in 1842, on the occasion of our first meeting after my election. In those views, I have great pleasure in knowing the clergy of the diocese, as a body, unite most cordially. They steadily adhere to the truth and appointments of the Gospel, as set forth and embodied in our liturgy, articles and homilies. Their conviction is that our blessed Lord organized, ordained and commissioned a church, to which he entrusted the work of the conversion of sinners, and the confirmation of the faithful. To this church he has committed his written word, to be faithfully dispensed by it, as that sure warrant of Holy Scripture, so containing all things necessary to salvation, that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man to be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite to salvation. In the execution of this duty, they feel it incumbent upon them to teach the people, that the condition of man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith and calling upon God; that they have no power to do good works (pleasant and acceptable to God) without the grace of God by Christ preventing them; that, if they are ever accounted righteous before God, it must be only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, *by faith*, and not for our own merits or deservings; albeit that good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and do spring out necessarily of a true faith, as good fruit from its appropriate tree; that among these fruits are to be numbered, not only charity towards our neighbor, and purity in ourselves, but that piety towards God, which shall constrain us cheerfully to submit to, and partake of, those sacraments ordained of Christ, not only as badges of christian profession, but as certain sure witnesses and effectual signs of grace and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm, our faith in him. In a word, the clergy of the diocese, adhering as they do to the plain and understood sense of our written standards, are not likely to expose themselves, with any degree of justice, to the charge of either extreme of opinion, against which, as a church, we have so firmly protested. Our confidence is, that



Almighty God will still continue to vouchsafe the grace which has hitherto protected us, so that as a diocese we may be ever found in the old paths of the Reformation and the early church. Better information on the part of many of those without, would at once disarm the opposition which they have not unfrequently felt bound in conscience to exert against the extension of the doctrines of the gospel, as we understand them. May we have grace, my brethren, while we all seek to maintain the truth, and are striving for the faith once delivered to the saints, to exhibit a spirit of kindness towards those with whom we differ, whether within our fold or without; so that it may be seen that our purpose is not so much the establishment of the dogmas of a sect or faction, as to settle and make permanent those great truths, indispensable to the perfection of the plan of the common salvation.

Among events exterior to the diocese, and of general interest, since our last convention, is the election and consecration of Dr. Henshaw to the office of the episcopate in the diocese of Rhode Island. The church has reason to be grateful for the elevation of such a man.

I have thus presented you with a statement of the condition and prospects of the diocese, with my proceedings during the year, and such other statements as seemed expedient. For the mercies we have experienced, let us cherish a spirit of thankfulness, and rely, with humble and increasing faith, on the promised blessing of our Lord and Master, to those who are faithful even unto the end.

LEONIDAS POLK.

NEW-ORLEANS, June 15, 1844.

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The Rev. D. S. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Lamon, Hon. Thomas Butler, and Mr. J. W. Andrews, were appointed a Missionary Committee, for receiving and disbursing, in connection with the Bishop, all contributions for missionary purposes within the diocese.

The Committee appointed at the last annual Convention, to report Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, presented the following, which were unanimously adopted:

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The Committee, appointed at the last annual Convention, upon the means of raising a fund for the support of superannuated clergyman, and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, presented their report, which, after some conversation, was withdrawn, and on motion, the same Committee appointed, to report at the next annual convention.

The following resolution was then offered, and unanimously approved:

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of two clergymen and two lay delegates, be appointed to report to the next annual Convention upon the propriety of establishing a fund for the support of the Episcopate, and also as to what measure they may deem most expedient for that purpose.

The following gentlemen were appointed as the Committee: Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D.D., Rev. A. H. Lamon, Hon. Thos. Butler, Mr. F. D. Newcomb.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of instituting one

seminary of learning, or more, in the diocese, to be placed under the auspices and superintendence of the Convention; and that said Committee report before the adjournment of the Convention.

Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., Rev. Mr. Fay; Hon. Thos. Butler, John S. Lobdell and J. Minturn, Esqrs. were appointed the Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the ministers of the diocese, to take such collections from time to time as they may deem necessary, for the creation of a Missionary Fund, to be devoted to the cause of the church in Louisiana.

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## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EAST BATON ROUGE.

March 1, 1844.

Rev. R. H. RANNEY, of St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge, would respectfully report to the Convention, that since his last report, two years ago, he has officiated once in Natchez, once in Grand Gulf, Miss., once at St. Francisville, once at Montpelier, and baptized a colored child; twice at the Amite Church (Presbyterian), once at Plaquemine, once at Christ Church, New Orleans, seven times at Clinton, and baptized five children. With these exceptions, he has officiated, to the present date, regularly at Baton Rouge, either at the Garrison, the Court-House, or at the Presbyterian Church. Since the present date, (there having been no provision made for his support,) he has confined his official services to his private residence, and to such few of his neighbors as felt disposed to assemble there.

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| Baptisms—Infants 10, Adults 1.....             | 11 |
| Marriages.....                                 | 1  |
| Funerals—Adults 4, Infants 2.....              | 6  |
| Communicants—Added 21; died 1; removed 6;..... | 19 |
| Confirmed .....                                | 5  |

The church was organized Jan. 24, 1843, and chartered during the last session of the Legislature, under the name and title of *St. James's Church, Baton Rouge*. About \$1,200 have been subscribed towards the erection of a church edifice, and about \$825 have been raised by Fairs, during the present year, for the same purpose.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, submits the following report, from the Parish Record:

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| Baptisms—Adult, 7 white, 1 colored—       | 8  |
| Infants, 71 white, 5 colored—             | 76 |
| Total.....                                | 84 |
| Funerals.....                             | 22 |
| Marriages.....                            | 13 |
| Communicants—Added, 27 white, 2 colored—  | 29 |
| Removed 8, Suspended 2—                   | 10 |
| Present number.....                       | 78 |
| Confirmations.....                        | 28 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 22, Scholars, 125. |    |

The following sums have been contributed by the congregation, viz:

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| For Missionary and other benevolent objects.....   | \$762                           |
| Sunday School offering, for the education of an African child, to be named Leonidas Polk .....   | 20                              |
| For Parochial purposes.....  | 520                             |
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|  | \$1,302                         |
| The Rector takes pleasure in reporting, that during the past year "the Ladies' Sewing Circle," have contributed, towards the payment of the church debt..... | 800                             |
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| Making the sum total contributed by the parish, since the meeting of the last Convention.....  | \$2,102                         |
| The general interests of the parish continue in a prosperous condition.  |                                 |
|  | CHAS. GOODRICH, <i>Rector</i> . |

Rev. WM. B. LACEY, D. D., President of the College of Louisiana, reports: That, during the last year, he has performed divine service nearly every Sunday in the village of Jackson, and occasionally in other places.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST BATON ROUGE.

A. H. LAMON, Rector of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, reports: That he has had the charge of this newly organized parish for the last three months, and feels much encouraged by the prospect before him. The congregation is gradually increasing, numbering at present about 80 persons. Services are held for the colored people every Sabbath afternoon, at two different places, at each of which 100, or upwards attend, and seem much interested. The Sunday School numbers 25 pupils, with 6 efficient teachers. A neat and sufficiently commodious church has been contracted for, and will probably be finished in 6 or 8 months. The number of communicants has increased from 4 to 7. One funeral has been attended.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHES.

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| Baptisms—40 Infants, 17 Adults.....               | 57 |
| Confirmations, in Natchitoches and Alexandria,... | 20 |
| Communicants.....                                 | 42 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars, 29.           |    |
| Marriages.....                                    | 4  |
| Burials.....                                      | 21 |

Morning and evening public service, and preaching, 67 times; at Alexandria, Fort Jessup, Baton Rouge, Bayou Sara, Donaldsonville, Franklin and New-Orleans, in all about 30 times; since the completion of the church at Natchitoches, three times each Sabbath; Administered the holy communion 10 times; Catechised openly in the church 18 times; Number of miles traveled in the performance of missionary duty, about 1000; Number of families attending the services of the church within my missionary district 75; Number of individuals attending the services of the church, 80 to 120; amount of funds for building a church collected at the station, since it was first occupied, \$805; Amount of funds collected for the same purpose, out of the station and within the diocese, \$1,600.

JOHN BURKE, *Rector*.

### GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE.

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| Baptisms—Adults 6, Infants 26.....       | 32 |
| Confirmations.....                       | 5  |
| Marriages.....                           | 13 |
| Funerals.....                            | 27 |
| Communicants—Added 8; Removed 7;.....    | 25 |
| Sunday School—Teachers 10; Scholars, 60. |    |

[Our Sunday School Library has been increased, by a liberal donation from Mrs. Seargant, of Philadelphia, and otherwise, to the number of 500 volumes.]

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| Collections for Domestic Missions..... | \$90 |
| “ Diocesan Missions.....               | 30   |

About \$1,000 have been received from a Ladies' Fair in our parish, and applied towards discharging the debt of the Church.

D. S. LEWIS, *Rector*.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The Rector of Christ Church reports, since the last Convention:

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| Baptisms—Infants 100, Adults 20.....     | 120 |
| Marriages.....                           | 24  |
| Funerals.....                            | 42  |
| Confirmed.....                           | 20  |
| Communicants—Added 45; Total, about..... | 160 |

The Sunday School continues to flourish, under the care of several highly efficient and devoted teachers, and numbers about 170 pupils.

N. S. WHEATON, D. D. *Rector*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the parish of St. John, West Baton Rouge, on the 2d Thursday after Easter, 1845.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of instituting in the diocese of Louisiana one seminary of learning, or more, under the auspices of the Convention, having attended to their duty, unanimously report: That the institution of seminaries of learning, under the superintendence of the Convention, is *highly expedient*, and recommend that a Committee of Education, consisting of five members, of whom the Bishop shall be Chairman, be appointed to consider, mature and report a plan for the establishment and protection of such seminaries to the Convention.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the Rev. Dr. Lacey, the Rev. Mr. Fay, the Hon. T. Butler, John S. Lobdell, and J. Minturn, Esqs., were appointed a Committee, in accordance with the report.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed, who shall assess the parishes, for the purpose of raising a fund to defray the necessary expences of the Convention, and the expences connected with the Episcopate.

Mr. L. Dupuy and Mr. D. Duvall, were appointed the Committee.

The minutes of the day were then read and approved, and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

RT. REV. LEONIDAS POLK,  
*President of the Convention.*

C. GOODRICH, *Sec.*



LIST OF DELEGATES WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

*St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge.*  
F. D. Newcomb, Wm. Markham.

*St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.*  
John P. Lobdell, D. Duvall.

*St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.*  
J. W. Andrews, Shelden S. Clark, L. Dupuy, T. M. Logan.

*Christ Church, New Orleans.*  
R. Relf, A. Lanfear, C. Harrod, J. Minturn, J. Nicholson.

*Grace Church, St. Francisville.*  
Thos. Butler.

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STANDING COMMITTEE.

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| Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., | Hon. Thos. Butler, |
| Rev. Chas. Goodrich,      | Ira Smith,         |
| Rev. D. S. Lewis,         | L. Dupuy.          |

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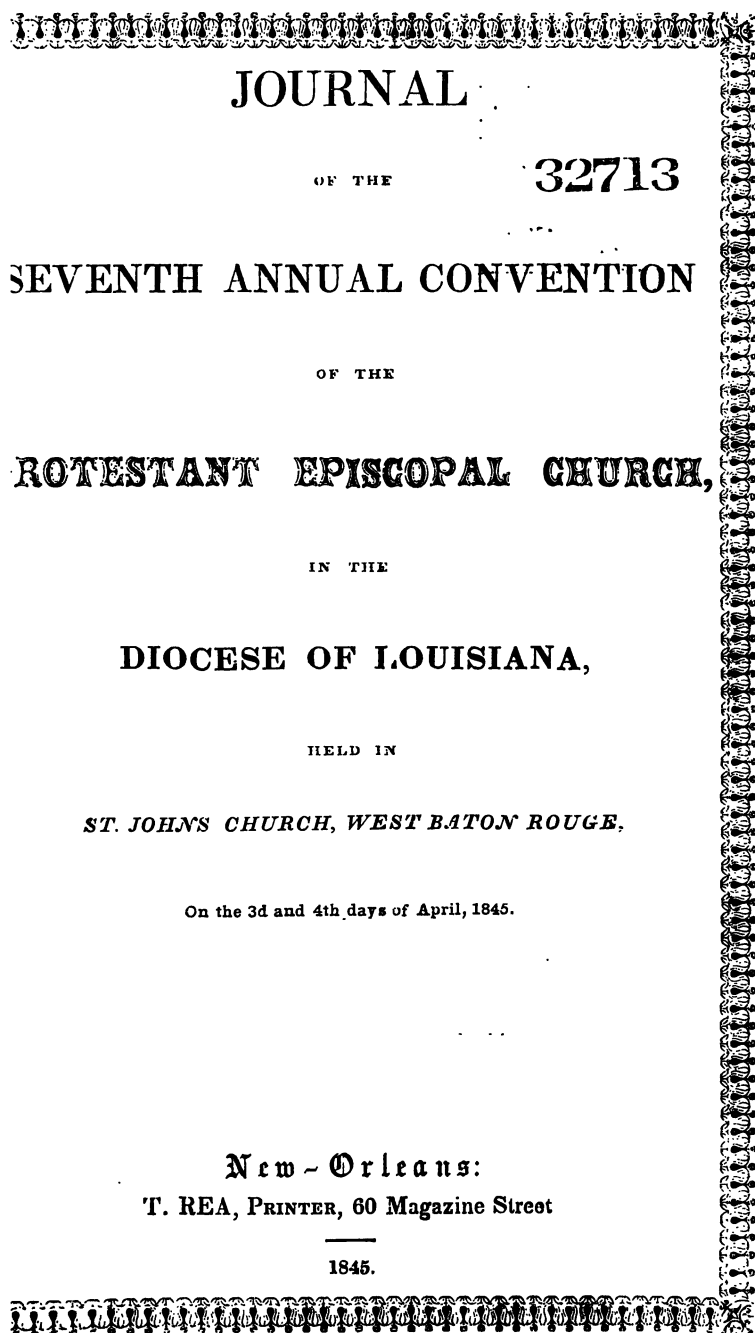
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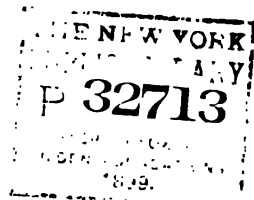
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### **LIST OF THE CLERGY.**

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- Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and residing at Thibodeauxville.**
- Rev. JOHN BURKE, President of the Franklin College, Opelousas.**
- Rev. JOHN FAY, residing at Bayou Goula, Parish of Iberville.**
- Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.**
- Rev. E. GUION, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.**
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, }  
West Baton Rouge, *April 3d, 1845.* }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention, after morning service by the Rev. N. O. Preston, and a sermon by the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., of Christ Church, N. Orleans, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and lay delegates assembled and proceeded to business.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, a list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names.

Rev. C. Goodrich—*Rector of St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans.*

Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D.—*Rector of the Southern Institute for young ladies.*

Rev. D. P. Lewis—*Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.*

Rev. A. H. Lamon—*Minister of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.*

The Rev'ds. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D. and A. H. Lamon were appointed a committee to examine



certificates of the lay delegates and report to the Convention.

The Committee then reported the following persons, as entitled to seats in this Convention, viz :

*St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.*—David Deval, M. D., Wm. Jones Lyle, M. D., John L. Lobdell.

*St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge.*—Alfred Gates, Wm. Markham, G. S. Lacey.

*St. John's Church, Thibodeauxville.*—Andrew Collins, Richard E. Butler, Joseph N. Tanner, Jas. A. Scudday.

*Grace Church, St. Francisville.*—Hon. Thomas Butler, Ira Smith, M. D., S. H. Surly, E. B. Collins.

*Christ Church, New-Orleans.*—John Nicholson, G. B. Duncan, John Minturn, L. Matthews.

The following delegates then answered to their names :

Wm. Jones Lyle, David Deval, John L. Lobdell, Thomas Butler, Ira Smith, John Nicholson, Wm. Markham, Alfred Gates, G. S. Lacey.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the Reverend Clergy of other Dioceses, and those of this Diocese who have not yet obtained canonical residence be admitted as honorary members of this Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., of Christ Church, New-Orleans—Rev. N. O. Preston, of the church of the Annunciation, New-Orleans—Rev. David Kerr, of St. John's Church, Thibo-

deauxville, and the Rev. Mr. Wall, of the Diocese of Mississippi; took their seats as honorary members of the Convention.

The Rev. D. S. Lewis and G. S. Lacey, Esq., were appointed by the Chair, a committee to examine the documents of Churches, applying for admission into union with the Convention, who reported in favor of the Church of the Annunciation, New-Orleans.

Whereupon :

*Resolved*, That the Church of the Annunciation, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The reports of the several committees appointed at the last Convention, then being called for, were read as follows :

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. LACEY, President, and the Rev. D. S. Lewis, Secretary. The Canonical papers being presented, the Committee recommended David Kerr to the Bishop of the Diocese for Deacons Order. The above is all the business that has come before the Committee.

D. S. LEWIS, *Sec'y*.

#### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Diocesan Missions, respectfully report that they have received during the past year \$20. from Grace Church, St. Francisville, which, together with the sum in the hands of the Committee amount to \$161,75.

On the recommendation of the Convention in 1843, that a special collection be taken up on the first Sunday after Epiphany, two churches only have complied, viz : Christ Church, New- Orleans, and Grace Church, St. Francisville.

The importance of this measure must be obvious to every friend of the church. The infancy of this Diocese ; the feebleness of most of our Parishes ; and the consideration that this collection is to be expended exclusively for the church within our own limits, urgently call upon all to contribute to this object. The Committee recommend that a collection be taken up by every clergyman in this Diocese, on the third Sunday after Epiphany, or at some other convenient time.

The Committee for Superannuated and infirm Clergymen, not being prepared to report,

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject, and a new Committee be appointed, with directions to report to-morrow morning.

The Chair appointed the following persons to serve on this Committee, viz : Thos. Butler, John Nicholson, John L. Lobdell.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was then read and accepted as follows :

The Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, in account with  
C. Goodrich, Treasurer.

|            |             |                                   |         |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1844.      | Dr. To Cash | paid for printing 500 copies of   |         |
| July 25th. |             | the Journal of 1844               | \$60 00 |
|            |             | Incidental Expenses, Postage, &c. | 2 50    |

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\$62 50

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| 1844.      | Cr. By Cash, | Received from the for-       |       |
|            |              | mer Treasurer                | 2 00  |
| July 9th.  | " "          | " St. Paul's Church N. O.    | 20 00 |
| July 12th. | " "          | " Grace Ch., St Francisville | 15 00 |
| 15th.      | " "          | " Christ Church, N. O.       | 25 00 |

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62 00

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| Leaving balance due | \$0 50 |
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention of the Church, "to assess the Parishes for the purpose of raising a fund to defray the expenses of the Convention, and the expenses connected with the Episcopate." Respectfully report:

That whatever basis they may adopt as the rates in assessing the several Parishes, only an approximation to equity can be arrived at, and believe that an assessment should be made in proportion to the salaries of the Ministers, and therefore offer the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ be raised in this Diocese annually, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Convention, and the expenses connected with the Episcopate—that said amount be raised by collection in the several Parishes at such time or times in the course of the year, as the Rector of each Parish may think proper—in the following ratio.

DAVID DEVAL,  
L. DUPUY,

The above report was on motion laid on the table.

The Committee on Education, asked leave to present their report at the meeting of the Convention to-morrow morning.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After the calling of the roll, the following address was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, Bishop of the Diocese.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

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BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

In pursuance of the requisition of the Canon I submit the following as a report of my proceedings during the ecclesiastical year.

It will be remembered by the Convention, that, in consequence of the adjournment of the last Convention from April to June, an interval of two months was afforded me, which was occupied in a visitation of the Western Parishes.

The details of that visitation, which properly belonged to the present ecclesiastical year, I submitted in the report of my proceedings during the last. Since the close of that visitation, in consequence of my engagements at the North, during the months usually devoted to such labors, I have been able to render, comparatively, but a small amount of Episcopal service.

The months of July and August, and part of September, I spent in Tennessee, officiating regularly in one or other of the services of the Church in the Parish of St. John's, Maury County. On the 15th of the latter month, I left for Philadelphia, to attend the meeting of the General Convention. In which duty and in a visitation of the General Theological Seminary, I was occupied until near the close of October. Early in the following month I received a citation from the Presiding Bishop—the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, requiring my attendance as a member of an Ecclesiastical Court, for the trial of the Rt. Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of New-York.

This Court commenced its session on the 16th of December, and adjourned on the 3d of January. As the proceedings of the Convention, and the facts connected with the visitation of the Seminary, as well as the particulars of the trial of the Bishop of New-York, have all been spread, in published documents, before the Church, it may be unnecessary further to advert to them, than to refer you to those publications.

The journal of the Convention presents gratifying evidence of the growth of the Church in numbers, and as we trust, also, in soundness in the faith.

Six Bishops have been consecrated to the Episcopal Office, three as heads of Dioceses, and three as Overseers of the Missions of the Church in the Foreign and Domestic fields of her operations.

In thus lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes the Church is beginning to realize the promise of her Divine Head, that "*From the rising of the Sun even to the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every*

*place incense shall be offered unto my Name and a pure offering. For my Name shall be great among the heathen saith the Lord of Hosts."* These greater movements of the Church, my brethren, while they excite within us, emotions of gratitude and admiration, ought to inspire us also with a more deeply seated purpose of stirring up continually the gift of God that is within us and prompt us to take fresh courage in our exertions to set forward in all its power and purity the kingdom of God in the particular field of labor allotted to our care.

In reading the acts of the Convention, you will find the passage of a Canon for the ordination of an order of Deacons, with qualifications inferior to those, demanded by our Canons hitherto, of persons aspiring to that office. And you will readily perceive the great importance of this provision—not only for the benefit of the slave population—but also for that of a large number of others in our cities and rural districts of moderate intelligence, and for whose instruction a very high degree of cultivation can in no wise be deemed necessary. I commend to the notice of this Convention that portion of the Canon in which, certain action on their part is made necessary, before its provisions can be made available for the service of the Diocese.

On the first Sunday in Lent, 9th February—I read the service and preached on board the steamer Gov. Jones.

On the 2d and 3d Sunday's in Lent—I read service and preached in St. John's Parish, Thibodeaux.

On the 4th Sunday in Lent—I preached in St. Paul's, in New-Orleans, and admitted Mr. David Kerr to the order of Deacons in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in the Parish of the Annunciation, in the same city.

On Friday the 7th—I baptised a child in Christ Church, New-Orleans, and on the 5th Sunday in Lent, preached in the same church, in the morning.

On Palm Sunday—I consecrated St. John's Church, Thibodeaux and preached in the morning ; and in the afternoon, preached to the colored people of the Parish.

On Easter Day—I had service in St. John's Church, Lafourche Interior and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

On the 1st Sunday after Easter, last Sunday—I had service in the same Parish.

The changes are as follows :—

Since the last Convention of the Diocese, the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., has resigned the Presidency of the College of Louisiana, at Jackson, and become the Principal of the Southern Institute, for the education of young Ladies, in the same town.

The Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., has resigned the charge of Christ Church, New-Orleans ; and the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., who has been duly transferred to this Diocese from that of Mississippi, has been elected to supply the vacancy.

The Rev. N. O. Preston, has been transferred to this Diocese from the Diocese of Vermont, and has been elected Rector of the " Church of the Annunciation " a Parish recently organized in the City of New-Orleans.

The Rev. John Burke, having been elected to the Presidency of Franklin College, Opelousas, has resigned his charge of Trinity Church, Natchitoches; and has accepted that appointment.

The vacancy thus created has been supplied by the election of Rev. E. Guion; who, upon letters dismissary from the Diocese of New-York, has been received into this Diocese.

The Rev. David Kerr, has been elected to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Lafourche Interior; and has accepted the appointment.

The Rev. L. M. Purdy, of the Diocese of New-York, has been officiating since December, in a Parish recently organized at St. Martinsville, and called Zion's Parish.

It is earnestly hoped that the Convention will, at its present session, adopt some general plan of education for that portion of the youth of our Diocese, whom God, in his Providence, may place under our care. The mission of the Church is that of a teacher. She is to train the heart for the love and service of her Lord and Master; and the mind, also, in order that she may thereby the more surely and efficiently control the heart.

The intellectual as well as the moral cultivation of her children is therefore, embraced in her commission; and this she can never execute with any degree of efficiency or success, unless there is an intelligent and hearty co-operation among all the members of

her Household, Clerical and Lay, in devising and adopting some plan, which, from its feasible character, shall promise such results as to command confidence and concentrate our energies.

The education of our children should be in our own hands.

Others may do it well. We ought not to allow that they can do it better. And we cannot—with safety to ourselves—in view of our spiritual engagements, to teach them all things, that, as Christians “they ought to know and believe to their souls’ health”—divest ourselves of this high duty. From the moment the Church receives them into her bosom, and consecrates them to the service of the Lord at his altar—through all the period of their intellectual and moral training—they should not cease to feel her maternal hand upon them; employed ever in giving shape and proportion to their intellectual and social being.

As I am aware that this subject is in the hands of a Committee, charged with maturing a plan to meet our wants, I will not advert to details further than to suggest that the rule should be to have a School or Schools connected with each Parochial Cure, and placed under the general supervision of the several Parish Clergy.

The exception to be determined by such facts as shall warrant it in the judgment of a sound discretion.

Humbly supplicating a continuance of the blessing of God—whose favor we have already so largely experienced, and commending you anew to His grace, we commit this and such other of the matters of the Diocese as claim your attention, to your wisdom and experience,

LEONIDAS POLK.

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On motion,

**Resolved,** That the Bishop of the Diocese is hereby requested to admit to Deacons Orders under Canon VI., of the General Convention of 1844, such persons as may apply for the same, and shall, to his satisfaction, and to that of the Standing Com-



mittee of the Diocese, comply with the requirements of said VI. Canon.

The Rev. Dr. Lacey, from the Committee on Education, appointed at the last Convention, reported sundry resolutions, which after discussion and amendment were adopted as follows, viz :

**WHEREAS**, It is the solemn duty of the Church to provide for the intellectual and religious training of the young within her pale, therefore, resolved by the Diocese of Louisiana, in Convention, that for the accomplishment of this end there shall be established a Board of Education to consist of five persons, to be annually chosen by the Convention, of which Board, the Bishop of the Diocese shall always be ex officio Chairman, and to this Board shall be confided the supervision of the work of Education in the Church.

**Resolved**, That this board shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of holding the Diocesan Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on the interests of Education, and shall present, to the Convention a report of the state of the Schools connected with the Church in this Diocese. At every such annual meeting, the Board shall cause a sermon, or address to be delivered on the subject of Education, the preacher or speaker having been appointed by the Bishop at least three months previously.

**Resolved**, That it shall be the duty of the board to proceed immediately to the accomplishment of two objects, with the view of being prepared to report thereon, at the next Convention. First, by communication with the several Parochial Clergymen and other gentlemen throughout the Diocese, to procure statistics as to the number of children therein, the ability and willingness of the Parishioners to sustain, in whole or in part, a Parochial School; the most advantageous locality for such a school with reference to the convenience of parents and pupils; the character of the school required as to the course of studies most necessary in the Parish, *i. e.* whether Classical or English, merely; and in short, to procure such information as may enable the Convention to act judiciously in their future course on this most important subject. Secondly, to desire the several Parochial Clergymen to open books of subscrip-

tion among their respective Parishoners, to procure subscriptions in money, or donations in land, or otherwise, for the formation of an Education Fund. Such subscriptions or donations to be paid in instalments at the convenience of the donors, but not to be called for until after the next Convention ; the object at present being to ascertain on what grounds the church may rely for aid in this great work.

*Resolved*, That any of the Parochial Clergy may proceed at once to the formation of Parochial or other Schools if they deem it expedient, reporting however, their proceedings therein, to the Board of Education, to be laid before the next Convention, and subject to the controlling action of that body.

*Resolved*, That all the teachers that may hereafter be appointed to Parochial Schools, shall be chosen by the Board of Education upon the nomination of the Bishop ; and shall be removeable by said board with the approbation of the Bishop. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the board shall have power to act alone in appointments and removals.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop shall be ex officio visitor of all Schools in the Diocese that are connected with the Church. He shall also prescribe the religious services to be used in such Schools, and together with the board designate the books to be studied on all matters appertaining to the doctrine ritual and government of the Church.

*Resolved*, That whenever an individual is desirous of establishing a private Literary Institution in this Diocese under the jurisdiction of the Church, he shall make his desire known to the Bishop, who on being satisfied with his or her qualifications, and with the locality of the proposed School, shall license him or her as a teacher of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese ; and shall appoint forthwith three discreet Episcopalians, as visitors of the establishment. It shall be the duty of such visitors, to visit the School assigned to them at least once a quarter, and examine the pupils and government thereof. They shall report to the Board of Education at each annual Convention, and to the Bishop oftener if necessary the true condition of the School, and endeavor generally to promote its true interests and efficiency.

*Resolved*, That this Convention does hereby pledge itself to carry out this system of education in the Church to the extent of its means, till every part of this Diocese shall, as far as practicable, become a participator in its benefits.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop and Board of Education, address a circular to the Church at large, explanatory of the plan of operations on which it is proposed the Church in Louisiana, shall enter on the work of educating her own children, and earnestly soliciting the co-operation of all in a common and spirited effort in this great cause.

**Rev. Dr. LACEY** and **Hon. T. BUTLER**, were appointed by the Chair to nominate a Committee on Education, for the ensuing year.

The following persons were then reported and approved by the Convention, viz :

**Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., Rev. D. S. Lewis, Rev. A. H. Lamon, Messrs. J. P. Lobdell, and W. N. Mercer.**

On Motion, The **Rev. Dr. Lacey** and **Hon. Thos. Butler**, were added to that Committee.

**Mr. Lobdell**, from the Committee on Education, then presented in behalf of himself and others, the following additional Report :

The undersigned members of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of instituting one or more Seminaries of Learning in this Diocese, to be placed under the auspices and superintendence of the Convention ; in addition to the report made by their Chairman beg leave to state to the Convention ; that the Legislature of this State, have recently passed an act, directing the sale of the Louisiana College, with its Lands, Buildings, Fixtures, Library, Philosophical, and Chemical Apparatus, Furniture, &c. etc., to some Association or Religious Society, who will obligate themselves to keep up the College as a Literary Institution, and for a sum not less than Ten Thousand Dollars, payable in three equal

annual instalments. Your Committee would beg leave further to state—that the buildings, fixtures, apparatus, etc. are of great value, and well adapted to the purposes of a Seminary and College; That the College is situated in a healthy part of the country, and near the centre of the State. Your committee believe, that it would be a great benefit to the Episcopal Church of this State, to become the owners of this property, for the purposes of establishing an Episcopal Seminary; and other branches of education. And they believe that a fund could be obtained from Episcopalians of this State, to accomplish the desired object: first, to make the purchase of the college property, and afterward, from time to time, to establish Scholarships and Professorships. They would therefore suggest to the Convention, that a subscription be opened under the superintendence of a Committee of this Convention, requesting Episcopalians, who may feel willing to aid in the purchase of the college property, &c., the sum of Ten Dollars each, and that each and every Rector in this Diocese, be requested to make annual collections in aid of the establishment of Scholarships and Professorships in the college. Your committee would therefore conclude by recommending the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That a committee of five persons be appointed to solicit a subscription of Ten Dollars each, from Episcopalians, who are willing to aid in raising funds to purchase the College of Louisiana; its Fixtures, Library, Laboratory, etc.

2d. *Resolved*, That each and every Rector in this Diocese, be requested to make annual collections in aid of the establishment of Scholarships and Professorships in said college.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPERANUATED CLERGYMEN.

The committee to which was referred the resolution of the Convention, relative to the support of superannuated and infirm members of the Clergy of this Diocese; and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the same, beg leave to report:

The expectation of your committee, is that a fund may be raised, either by voluntary contribution of the members of the church, or

by collections to be taken up for that object, or by both means, which though small at first, on being properly invested in stocks, or mortgages, may produce a sufficient one by the time it is called for by the necessities of the Clergy. Your committee have selected a day for the collections in the churches on which the hearts of all true christians overflow with gratitude for the appearance in the flesh of the Son of God, when, it is hoped the members of the church may not be unmindful of those who have devoted the prime and vigor of their lives to *His* service. They report the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Rectors of the several Parishes in this Diocese, be directed to have collections taken up in their several Churches, on each Christmas Day, for the above mentioned object; and that they report the amount of the same to each Convention of the Church.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet after the celebration of divine service.

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FRIDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Parish of St. James, East Baton Rouge, on the second Wednesday after Easter, 1846.

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, reported as follows :

The committee appointed at the last Convention, to mature a plan for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese; respectfully recommend the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That each Minister in this Diocese, having a church in charge, endeavor to procure annually a contribution to

the Episcopal Fund, either by making a collection, or otherwise, as he may deem best.

2. *Resolved*, That the Wardens in each Parish, be desired by their respective Clergymen, to open a book for the subscription of money to be paid in hand, or in annual instalments at the option of the subscribers ; and also, for obtaining donations in land, or any other species of property ; and that such books be laid before the Convention, by the respective clergymen, at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed on behalf of the Convention, to apply to the Legislature, should they deem it expedient, for such acts of incorporation as may be necessary for the permanent and safe appropriation of funds given for any church objects.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted, and the Hon. Judge Butler, John L. Lobdell and Geo. S. Lacey, Esqrs., were appointed a Committee under the third resolution.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### FROM GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE.

|                                    |                       |         |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Baptisms,                          | (Adults 5—infants 15) | 20      |
| Marriages,                         | - - - - -             | 6       |
| Funerals,                          | - - - - -             | 10      |
| Communicants,                      | - - - - -             | 26      |
| Collections for Domestic Missions, | - - - - -             | \$70 00 |
| Diocesan Missions,                 | - - - - -             | 20 00   |
| Other Benevolent Objects, about    | - - - - -             | 100 00  |

The Sunday School continues prosperous. Services for the colored people of the Parish are held nearly every Sunday evening.

The religious prospects of this Parish are encouraging.

D. S. LEWIS, *Rector*.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW-ORLEANS.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, reports since the last Convention:—

|                           |            |   |   |    |        |   |       |    |    |
|---------------------------|------------|---|---|----|--------|---|-------|----|----|
| Baptisms,                 | (Infants,) | - | - | -  | -      | - | -     | -  | 34 |
| Interments,               | -          | - | - | -  | -      | - | -     | -  | 16 |
| Marriages,                | -          | - | - | -  | -      | - | -     | -  | 4  |
| Communicants,—Added,      | -          | - | - | 18 |        |   |       |    |    |
|                           | Died,      | - | - | 2  |        |   |       |    |    |
|                           | Removed,   | - | - | 10 | Total, |   |       |    | 84 |
| Collections for Missions, |            |   |   |    | -      | - | \$346 | 00 |    |
| For Parochial purposes,   |            |   |   |    | -      | - | 250   | 00 |    |

The Rector is happy to state, that the Sunday School connected with the Parish, is in a very flourishing condition.

Number of Teachers, 23.—Scholars, 178.

A large School-house is nearly completed, which will accommodate about two hundred and fifty scholars, and the children and their friends have contributed \$155 towards its erection.

C. GOODRICH, *Rector*.

Rev. A. H. LAMON, *Rector* of ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge, respectfully reports: That since the last Convention, he has

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptised—Adults, (white 6, colored 37,) and 8 children—Total | 51       |
| Communicants; added 6                                        | Total 13 |
| *Confirmed,                                                  | 47       |
| Marriages,                                                   | 1        |
| Funerals,                                                    | 1        |
| Sunday School, (Teachers 5—Scholars 20,)                     | 25       |
| Contributed by the Sunday School, to Missions                | \$ 6 00  |
| Contributed by the Congregation, to Missions                 | 42 00    |

\*Those who were confirmed will come forward to the Communion.

A neat Church Edifice has been erected at a cost of about \$1800; towards which object \$50 were contributed by St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans; \$20 by the Church of the Annunciation, New-Orleans, and \$10 by the Rev. Dr. Wheaton.

Although this Church has been organized but little more than a year, yet Minister and people have abundant cause to be thankful for the success which has attended their efforts.

Since the last Convention, I have preached once in Christ Church, and once in St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans; five times in Grace Church, St. Francisville; once at Ruth's Point, on the Mississippi; once at Harrisonburgh, Catahoula; once in Thibodeaux, on the Lafourch; and the residue of the Sunday's and other festivals in Jackson, East Feliciana.

WM. B. LACEY, *Rector of the Southern Institute for Young Ladies*.

### CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW-ORLEANS.

Public services were commenced in the Parish, on the first Sunday in Advent, December 1st, 1844. At which time a Sunday School was organized, embracing two teachers and two children.

In this school, thus feeble in its beginnings, there have already been gathered 153 children ; but owing to the difficulty of securing a competent number of efficient teachers, and also, to the organization, subsequent to our own, of two other Sunday Schools in our immediate vicinity ; the actual number in attendance has ranged between 50 and 75.

A Library, consisting of one hundred and ten volumes, has been procured for the use of the school.

Our public services have been usually well attended, and so soon as the Church Edifice is built, which we expect to have ready for consecration by the 1st of November next, we have good hope that a large and respectable congregation will be easily assembled.

There have been 5 children baptised.

On Easter Sunday, at which time was our first communion, there were 17 who partook of the sacrament. The Rector has ascertained that there are 16 communicants belonging to the Parish.

The contributions of the Church have been :

|                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| For Foreign Missions,                          | \$40 50 |
| For Domestic Missions,                         | 25 00   |
| For Bible, Tract, and Seaman Friend's Society, | 30 00   |
| For Parish purposes,                           | 36 95   |

Making for the first four months of its existence, a total of \$132 45

These encouraging beginnings we record with devout thankfulness to Almighty God, through whose grace alone it is, we have been enabled, both 'to will and to do.'

N. O. PRESTON, *Rector*.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, IBERVILLE.

|               |                                      |                     |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baptisms,     | 7 Children:                          | (3 white; 4 black.) |
| Baptisms,     | 3 Adults;                            | (1 white; 2 black.) |
| Marriages,    | 1 (Black.)                           |                     |
| Burials,      | 1 Member of my Congregation—a child. |                     |
| Burials,      | 2 Adults of the neighborhood.        |                     |
| Communicants, | 12                                   | (8 white; 4 black.) |

Contributions to the General Missions of the Church, \$32 00

A lot for the site of a Church has been given, and the funds for its erection have been subscribed. Nothing now is wanting, but action on these preliminary steps, to provide us with a suitable place for public worship. The Ladies, with their usual zeal, have, by the labor of the needle, collected nearly money enough to purchase a Silver Service for the Holy Communion.

CHARLES FAY, *Rector*.



The undersigned would respectfully report, that since his last report to the Convention, in June, 1844, he has officiated in West Baton Rouge, Clinton and New-Orleans.

In West Baton Rouge, he has officiated three times, and in Clinton once.

In St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans, between the 17th of August, and the 12th of November, during which time he had a temporary charge of the Parish, he has read the services of the church 13 times; preached 12 sermons, and administered the holy communion once.

In Christ Church, New-Orleans, between the 17th of August, and the present date; during which, he has had charge of the Parish; he has read the services of the church 58 times; preached 36 sermons; administered the holy communion 7 times; baptized (2 adults and 18 children) 20; celebrated one marriage, and attended 10 funerals.

Other marriages 3. Baptisms 6. Funerals 1.

During the same period, he has read the service and preached at the Work-House 13 times, and in other places 5 times.

TOTAL.—Read the church service 91 times; preached 70 sermons; baptisms 26; funerals 11; marriages 4.

All which is Respectfully Submitted, by

R. H. RANNEY, *Rector pro tem of Christ Church.*

*New-Orleans, March 14th, 1845.*

The Rev. LUCIUS M. PURDY, (*of New-York,*) officiating in ATTAKAPAS, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese:

That he reached his field of labor in November last; and that he has officiated as frequently, and in such places as circumstances allowed. The larger share of services have been at St. Martinsville, and ordinarily in English, as requested by the Congregation.

December 4th.—A Parish was duly organized by the name of Zion Church, St. Martinsville. Efforts are making to erect a church, and a considerable sum has been subscribed.

In Easter week, a Parish was organized in Lafayette, by the name of St. Luke's Church, Vermillionville; where the prospects seem encouraging.

|                               |                   |       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Baptisms at St. Martinsville, | Adults 1—infants  | 3—04  |
| Communicants, added,          |                   | 12    |
| Baptisms in Lafayette,        | Adults, 3—infants | 12—15 |

Irreligion and vice are sadly prevalent in this long neglected field. More laborers are needed in the good work, such as will persevere in the face of every discouragement. It is hoped that some provision for their support will be made. A supply of Prayer Books, both in English and French, are desired.

## TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHES.

The undersigned took charge of this Parish, on the 9th of December last, since which time he has been constantly engaged in the discharge of his duties in this place and its vicinity. Services are held twice or thrice on Sunday's, and occasionally during the week. The attendance is good and increasing. The present number of communicants as nearly as can be ascertained are 40, including some belonging to other denominations. Six have been added to our number since the undersigned took charge of the Parish, viz : new 3, by removal 3. Six have been lost by removal. Owing to the depressed condition of business in this place, many families connected with the Parish have left, and others contemplate leaving shortly. Two visits have been made to the neighboring Parish of Alexandria, and occasional services are held at the United States Military encampment, three miles from town.

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|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms,            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Funerals,            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| Sunday Schools—about | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Teachers,            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |

E. GUION, JR.

## ST. JOHN'S PARISH, THIBODEAUX.

The undersigned respectfully states, that from the newness of this Parish, and the recent date of his connection therewith, his report is consequently brief. The Church was consecrated on Palm Sunday. On the following Sunday, being Easter Day, I entered upon my duties as Rector, by an unanimous invitation of the Vestry.

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|---------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms,     | -                       | - | - | - | - | - | 14 |
| Marriages,    | -                       | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Communicants, | (10 white; 14 colored.) |   |   |   |   |   | 24 |

Having charge of the Parish in which the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese resides, the annual Diocesan Report renders it unnecessary to mention here the general circumstances connected with this portion of the Lord's vineyard. With the blessing of God on the means provided by the Church, we may here reap an abundant harvest. May the Lord in his gracious Providence hasten the time !

DAVID KERR, *Rector**Thibodeaux, April 2d.*

The Committee appointed by the Chair, to nominate a Standing Committee, reported the following gentlemen as their nominees :

|                    |                    |
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| Rev. Dr. HAWKS,    | Hon. THOS. BUTLER, |
| Rev. Dr. LACEY,    | L. DUPUY,          |
| Rev. Mr. GOODRICH, | JOHN NICHOLSON.    |

Whereupon :

*Resolved*, That the gentlemen nominated, be appointed the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

The Convention then took a recess until after the evening service, when having again assembled for business, the Hon. Thos. Butler, submitted a proposition for the alteration of the third article of the Constitution, so as to read "*one-half*" instead of "*two-thirds*"; thereby allowing a representation from one half of the Parishes to constitute a quorum.

The proposition according to the requirements of the Constitution, lies over, for the action of the next Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention, be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, for the use of the Church, for the purposes of the Convention; and to the inhabitants of West Baton Rouge, for their hospitality to the members of the Convention during their stay.

On motion, after prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

C. GOODRICH, *Secretary*.

LEONIDAS POLK,  
*Bishop of the Diocese.*

# APPENDIX.

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## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

OF LOUISIANA.

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#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

#### ARTICLE II.

The Annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention ; or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the Clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each Convention, and continue in office till the next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church shall require it ; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen. All Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who shall have officiated six months in some Parish in the State; Clerical instructors of youth, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, who have been resident in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three Lay Delegates : and if it consist of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether Clerical or Lay, from two-thirds of the Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

**CANON IV.****OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.**

Every Minister shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to the 29th Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The Record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors ; the name of the adult baptized ; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed. The Register shall be kept by the Minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry ; and in case of a vacancy, by the Senior Warden.

It shall be the duty of the Minister to present to the Annual Convention a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals within his cure ; together with the number of Communicants ; distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last Report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the parish.

**CANON V.****OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing a President and Secretary ; the latter of whom shall keep a Record of all its transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President ; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

**CANON VI.****OF THE CONVENTION.**

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper ; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of the vacancy of that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

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**EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

OF THE

**Protestant Episcopal Church,**

IN

**LOUISIANA:**

HELD IN

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BATON ROUGE,**

ON

*April* WEDNESDAY, ~~MAY~~ TWENTY-SECOND; *April* THURSDAY, ~~MAY~~ TWENTY-THIRD, AND  
*April* FRIDAY, ~~MAY~~ TWENTY-FOURTH, 1846.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.

*April*

~~May~~ 22, 1846.

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RT. REV. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.

Bishop of the Diocese, and residing near Thibodeaux.

REV. JOHN BURKE,

Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

REV. CHARLES FAY,

Missionary in New Orleans.

REV. CHARLES GOODRICH,

Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

REV. E. GUION,

Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

REV. WM. B. LACEY, D. D.

Rector of the Southern Institution for Young Ladies, Jackson, E. Feliciana.

REV. A. H. LAMON,

Rector of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.

REV. F. L. HAWKS, D. D.

Rector of Christ's Church, New Orleans.

REV. DAVID KERR,

Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

REV. D. S. LEWIS,

Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

REV. SAMUEL G. LITTON,

Residing at Franklin, Parish of St. Mary.

REV. ALEXANDER McLEOD,

Minister and Missionary, stationed at Shreveport.

REV. N. O. PRESTON,

Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans.

REV. L. M. PURDY,

Missionary in the Parish of Attakapas.

REV. WM. STEELE,

Missionary in the Parish of Caddo.

REV. SPENCER WALL,

Missionary in the Parish of West Feliciana.

REV. N. S. WHEATON, D. D.

Lately residing in New Orleans—now in Europe.

REV. JAMES A. FOX,

Officiating on "The Coast."



**LIST OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE  
OF LOUISIANA.**

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**ASCENSION PARISH—**

Ascension Church, Donaldson.

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH—**

St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH—**

St. John's Church, Smithfield.

**CADDO PARISH—**

Church, Shreveport.

**WEST FELICIANA PARISH—**

Grace Church, St. Francisville.

**EAST FELICIANA PARISH—**

Church, Jackson.

**LA FOURCHE INTERIOR PARISH—**

St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

**IBERVILLE PARISH—**

St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula.

**LA FAYETTE PARISH—**

St. Luke's Church, Vermillionville.

**ST. MARTIN'S PARISH—**

Zion Church, St. Martinsville.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH—**

Church, Franklin.

**CITY AND PARISH OF NEW ORLEANS—**

The Church of the Annunciation, Annunciation Square.

Christ's Church, Canal street.

St. Paul's Church, Camp street.

Missionary Station, Carondelet street.

Bethel, Old Levee street.

**NATCHITOCHES PARISH—**

Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

**RAPIDES PARISH—**

St. James' Church, Alexandria.

**DE SOTO PARISH—**

—— Church.

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**OF THE**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.**

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*STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE:*

**THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, of the State of Louisiana, having been convened (in conformity with the last adjournment) at St. James' Church, in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, in the city of Baton Rouge, at four o'clock, in the afternoon of Wednesday, the twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, when the Rt. Rev. **LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.**, Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair as President, and the Rev. **CHARLES GOODRICH**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, the Secretary of the Convention of last year, called over the list of Clergy residing in this State, and who were entitled to seats in the last Convention, when it appeared that the following were present, who answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, to-wit :

**RT. REV. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.**, Bishop of the Diocese.

**REV. JOHN BURKE**, Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

**REV. CHAS. GOODRICH**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

**REV. E. GUION**, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

**REV. F. L. HAWKS, D. D.**, Rector of Christ's Church, New Orleans.

**REV. DAVID KERR**, Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

**REV. A. H. LAMON**, Rector of St. John's Church, W. Baton Rouge.

**REV. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D.**, Rector of the Southern Institute for Young Ladies, Jackson.

**REV. D. S. LEWIS**, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

**REV. N. O. PRESTON**, Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans.

The President then appointed the Rev. Dr. **HAWKS** and the Rev. **A. H. LAMON** a Committee to assist the Secretary in examining the certificates of the lay delegates. The lay delegates placed their certificates on the table, after due notice, when said Committee and the Secretary reported that after due examination it was found that the following lay delegates were entitled to their seats in the Convention, viz :

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE—*St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.*  
GEO. S. LACY, ALFRED GATES AND DR. TIMOTHY FAY.

PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE—*St. John's Church, Smithfield.*  
DR. DAVID DEVAL, HIRAM J. GROVER AND JOHN L. LOBDELL.

PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA—*Grace Church, St. Francisville.*  
HON. THOMAS BUTLER, DR. IRA SMITH, JOHN D. POWELL, AND  
DR. P. B. MCKELVEY.

PARISH OF LA FOURCHE INTERIOR—*St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.*  
HON. GEO. GUION, RICHARD E. BUTLER AND C. F. HAWLEY.

CITY AND PARISH OF NEW ORLEANS—*Christ Church, Canal street.*  
JOHN NICHOLSON, LUCIUS C. DUNCAN, GEORGE E. PAYNE,  
AND AARON C. CLEVELAND.  
*Church of the Annunciation, Annunciation Square.*  
J. F. BODLEY, J. P. McMILLEN AND J. O. PIERSON.  
*St. Paul's Church, Camp street.*

L. DUPUY, GREENBURY DORSEY, S. WOODALL, & WM. M. GOODRICH.

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES—*Trinity Church, Natchitoches.*  
AMBROSE SOMPATRAC, SR., VICTOR SOMPATRAC, & THS. J. STIMPSON.

The names of the lay delegates having been called, the following appeared to be present, answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, to-wit :

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| HON. THOMAS BUTLER.   | JOHN L. LOBDELL.    |
| J. F. BODLEY.         | GEORGE S. LACY.     |
| LUCIUS C. DUNCAN.     | P. B. MCKELVEY.     |
| L. DUPUY.             | J. P. McMILLEN.     |
| GREENBURY DORSEY.     | JOHN D. POWELL.     |
| HON. GEORGE S. GUION. | J. O. PIERSON.      |
| ALFRED GATES.         | THOMAS J. STIMPSON. |

A constitutional quorum being found to be present, the President declared the Convention duly organised.

The Rt. Rev. B. B. SMITH, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Kentucky, being present, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop SMITH be requested to take a seat in Convention at the left of the President :

When, on motion, it was further

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. McLEOD, Minister and Missionary, stationed at Shreveport, in the Parish of Caddo, now here present, who has not yet obtained a canonical residence in this State, be admitted as an honorary member of this Convention.

Whereupon the Rt. Rev. Bishop SMITH and the Rev. Dr. McLEOD took their seats in Convention accordingly.

The Convention then, in conformity with the fifth rule of order, proceeded to choose a Secretary for the Convention : when JOHN L. LOBDELL, of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, one of the lay delegates, was duly chosen. It was then

*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to attend divine service in the church.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, ~~May~~ 23, 1846.

The Convention re-assembled at 10 o'clock, this morning, when the morning service was read by the Rev. D. S. LEWIS, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. LACEY, to a large and attentive congregation ; after which the Holy Eucharist was administered to the clergy, and many of the laity and congregation. The Convention then came to order, the Minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved ; when, on motion, it was

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, the Secretary of the Convention of last year, for his services as Secretary.

After which the following Address was read by the Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, Bishop of the Diocese, to-wit :

## Address of the Bishop.

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### **BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:**

Our devout acknowledgements are due to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for having preserved us through the revolutions of another year, and for having permitted us to assemble once more for the discharge of the responsible duty of legislating for his Church.

May we be duly impressed by his mercy and goodness to us, and may his holy spirit preside over and direct us in our present work.

It is believed, that the interests of the Church in this Diocese, under the blessing of God, have been steadily advancing, since the occasion of our last conventional meeting. Additions have been made to the list of our ~~parishes~~ <sup>parishes</sup> and consecrated buildings, and to the number of our clergy and candidates for orders. We have reason to believe, also, that the provisions of the Gospel for the edification of the people, in the parishes generally, have been faithfully administered.

The routine of my own personal service during the year past, has been as follows:

On the Saturday morning following the adjournment of the Convention, I assisted in the services held in St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge. In the afternoon of the same day I catechised the children of that church.

On Sunday, 6th April, I confirmed nine white persons, in the same Parish, in the forenoon. In the afternoon, I preached and administered the same rite to thirty-seven persons of color. The interest manifested by this latter portion of the congregation in the solemn services of the Church, as well as the zeal in their behalf on the part of their masters, who have devolved upon them the responsibility of their spiritual instruction, was of the most gratifying character.

On Monday, 7th of April, I proceeded to St. James' Parish, East Baton Rouge, where I assisted in the services of the morning and addressed the congregation at night.

On the 8th, I preached, and confirmed ten persons in the same parish, and also celebrated the holy communion.

On the 9th, after prayers, by the Rev. Mr. LEWIS, I preached at Jackson. During my stay at this place, I made a visitation of the "Southern Institute for Young Ladies," under the charge of the Rev.

**WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D.** This, as is already known to the Diocese, is a school established for the education of the daughters of the Church, and such others as may be disposed to avail themselves of its benefit. It proposes to offer to parents and guardians a seminary in which their children or wards may obtain a thorough education in all those branches usually embraced in the most liberal course of female education. The arrangements for the accommodation of the pupils appear to have been judiciously made, and the routine of their daily life that which becomes a christian family. The situation of the school is in one of the most healthy districts of the State, and on that account particularly attractive to such persons as are without confidence in the healthiness of our alluvial lands, and are not disposed to send their children to a great distance from their homes. These are considerations which make it an object of common interest to the Diocese, and I earnestly commend it to the confidence of the Church and the public.

On Friday, 11th, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. LEWIS, I preached in Grace Church, St. Francisville.

On Saturday, 12th, I assisted in the celebration of divine service in the same Parish, in the morning, and in the afternoon performed the funeral service.

On Sunday, April 13th, I preached and confirmed seventeen persons, in the morning, in the same Parish, and in the afternoon preached to the colored people, on the estate of Dr. IRA SMITH.

On Thursday, 17th, I visited St. Mary's, Bayou Goula, and after divine service by the Rev. Mr. FAY, I preached and confirmed six persons. In the family of the Rector of this Parish there was also a school for the education of young ladies ; which, although it embraced a limited number of pupils, was nevertheless conducted upon a plan so enlarged and comprehensive as to make its subsequent discontinuance a subject of regret.

On Sundays, 20th and 27th, I officiated in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On Sunday, 4th May, I preached and confirmed thirteen persons, in Christ Church, New Orleans, in the morning, and assisted in the celebration of the holy communion. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed three persons in the Parish of the Annunciation, in the same city.

On Sunday, 11th, I preached and confirmed ten persons in St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached and confirmed four persons in the Parish of the Annunciation.

Sunday, 18th, I officiated in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

Sunday, 25th, I preached in St. James' Parish, Alexandria, in the afternoon. I preached, also, at night, in the same Parish, and confirmed seven persons.

Monday, 26th, I baptized in the same Parish two adults and one child.

Thursday, 29th, I preached in the steamer Yazoo, on my way to Shreveport.

Saturday, 31st, I baptized two children, in the Parish of Caddo. At night, of the same day, I read the service and preached at Summer Grove.

Sunday, June 1st, I preached in the court-house, at Shreveport, in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day I read service for the Rev. Mr. STEEL, who preached. At night, after service, by the Rev. Mr. STEEL, I preached.

Monday, 2d, after Morning Prayer, I preached in the same place. In the afternoon I met the friends of the Church, and organized a congregation to be called St. Paul's. The interest manifested on this occasion to secure the regular ministration of the Church, was of the most gratifying character. Measures were immediately taken to erect a suitable church building, and to provide the means for the support of a minister. This point has always been with me one of great interest, as connected with the extension of the Church. It is at the head of unobstructed navigation for the largest class of steamboats employed on the Red River, and the point at which, consequently, merchandise destined for the region farther up the river must be re-shipped. It is the point also on Red River through which emigrants for Northern Texas must pass, and from which a large part of that State must procure its supplies and ship its products. It is besides surrounded by one of the most fertile districts in our State, inhabited by an intelligent and enterprising population. Since the period of my visit they have been supplied with the services of a clergyman.

Thursday, 5th June, I baptized three childrent at Grand Ecce.

Friday, 6th, I assisted in the services of the morning, at Trinity Church, Natchitoches, and at night I preached.

On Saturday, 7th, I confirmed five persons in the same Parish, in the morning, and in the afternoon I catechised the children.

Sunday, 8th, I preached in the same Parish in the morning and celebrated the holy communion. In the afternoon I preached to the colored people, and confirmed one of them.

Monday, I met the Vestry of Trinity Church, to confer as to the interests of the Parish.

Wednesday, 11th, I reached Alexandria, where I had an appointment, which I was too unwell to fill—my lack of service being supplied by my Rev. Brother LACEY, who kindly accompanied me on this laborious tour, and to whom I found myself frequently indebted for support under its fatigues.

Thursday, 12th, I proceeded to Bayou Boeuf, and passed the night with one of several families residing about twenty miles from Alexandria, who are desirous of forming themselves into a congregation and to employ a minister. The prospects of the Church in that vicinity are decidedly good, and the day is not distant when we may confidently expect to witness the erection of a church and the establishment of a congregation. After visiting several families, who were of our household, residing between Alexandria and Opelousas, we arrived at the latter place on Saturday, 14th.

Sunday, June 15th, I preached in the morning in Opelousas. In the afternoon I confirmed two persons, and received into the congregation of Christ's flock, according to the provisions of the service set forth for that purpose, an infant child, who had received private baptism.

Monday, 16th, I baptized an adult.

Tuesday, 17th, assisted in the service of the morning, in St Luke's Parish, Vermillionville.

Wednesday, 18th, I preached and confirmed three persons in the same Parish in the morning, and in the afternoon read the service, and held a conference with the Vestry.

Saturday, 21st, I celebrated divine service in the court-house, in St. Martinsville.

Sunday, 22d, I preached in the same place in the morning, and confirmed nine white persons. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached and baptized five colored persons, and confirmed eighteen. Service was held at night of the same day.

Monday, 23d, I baptized one infant and three colored adults.

Tuesday, 24th, I met the Vestry of Zion's Church, St. Martinsville, to confer with them as to the interests of the Parish.

Wednesday, 25th, I was at New Town, where in consequence of indisposition I was unable to fill my appointment. Rev. Dr. LACEY preached and baptized certain adults and children. In the afternoon, I met the friends of the Church, who appeared to be very desirous of procuring the services of a minister, and who gave me to understand that they would not be backward in exerting themselves for the support of a clergyman, could one to meet their wants be had. I have been for some time past in treaty with a clergyman for this station,



who, I have reason to think, will go to it, so soon as he can be released from his present engagement.

Sunday, 29th, I preached in Franklin on the Teche, in the morning, and assisted in the services in the evening.

Saturday, 19th, I celebrated three marriages in the Parish of St. John, Thibodeaux.

Sunday, 20th, celebrated divine service in the same Parish.

Sunday, 27th, read prayers and preached in the same Parish.

Sunday, 3d August, read prayers and preached on the steamer Clarksville, on the Mississippi River.

Sundays, the 17th and 24th August, preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood, Tennessee.

Sunday, 31st, read prayers on the steamer Missouri, in the Mississippi river.

Sunday, September 7th, held service and preached in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

From that period until the month of March, I was in St. John's Parish, officiating as occasion offered in the various services of the Church. In this interval I baptized one child, confirmed three persons, and celebrated four marriages.

On Wednesday, 11th March, I assisted in the celebration of divine service in Christ's Church, New Orleans.

On Sunday, 15th, I preached in the Mission Church, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. FAY, in the city of New Orleans, in the morning; in the Parish of the Annunciation in the afternoon, and in St. Paul's at night.

On Sunday, 22d, I preached in Christ Church. In the afternoon of the same day, I consecrated the Church of the Annunciation, and preached in the same. I cannot omit here testifying my gratitude to Almighty God for the consummation of the enterprise which has resulted in the consecration of this building. It is less than eighteen months since the missionary under whose care this work has been conducted, came into the diocese.

During that period—in which he was sustained in his work by an appropriation from the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, aided by a contribution from the efficient City Mission, of New Orleans—a congregation has been organized, and the beautiful building which now adorns Annunciation Square, has been erected; a large portion of the pews have been taken, and we are warranted in entertaining the gratifying expectation, that, in less than a year, few, if any, of its six hundred and fifty sittings will be unoccupied. Let us

entertain the hope and make it the subject of our prayers, that this may be but the beginning of a series of like efforts which may terminate only with furnishing an adequate supply of church accommodation to the perishing multitudes of the metropolis of our Diocese.

On Wednesday, 25th March, I baptized two adults, in Christ's Church, New Orleans, and one infant in the Parish of Annunciation.

On Sunday, 29th, I assisted in the celebration of divine service in the Church of the Annunciation.

Thursday, 2d April, I celebrated a marriage in Christ Church, New Orleans.

On Good Friday, celebrated divine service in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On Easter Day, celebrated the holy communion in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On Sunday, 19th, I confirmed, in the morning, fourteen persons, in Christ Church, New Orleans, and ten in St. Paul's, in the morning ; and in the afternoon preached and confirmed twelve persons, in the Church of the Annunciation.

These acts close my annual labors.

I have during the year consecrated one church, attended one funeral, baptized twenty-three persons, nine children and fourteen adults ; held nineteen confirmations, at which I have confirmed one hundred and eighty-four persons. I have officiated also, more or less frequently, as occasion allowed and my health permitted, during all the Sundays of the year, either in preaching or the celebration of the holy communion, or in other offices of devotion, as also on very many occasions during the week. The candidates for holy orders admitted during the last year are three, viz : Mr. C. W. WHITEHALL, and Mr. FRED'K. DEAN, making with Mr. W. C. STOUT, our present number in all, three. Of these, Mr. DEAN, has been received by transfer from the Bishop of Missouri, and is at present residing in Galveston, Texas. Mr. STOUT is a member of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and Mr. WHITEHALL, who was late a minister of the Methodist communion, has been licensed as a lay reader, and is officiating for seamen and others, in the lower part of the city of New Orleans.

I have received into this Diocese the Rev. WILLIAM STEEL, and Rev. SAMUEL G. LITTON, on letters demissory from the Bishop of Tennessee. The former is laboring acceptably in the Parish of Caddo, as a missionary, serving two or three stations. The latter has been stationed at Franklin, on the Teche, where he has been successful in the organization of a congregation under very favorable auspices,

and where he is now at work. The requisite amount of funds and materials for building a church has been obtained, and I am informed it is the purpose of the congregation to proceed at once to its erection.

The Rev. Dr. McLEOD, of the Diocese of Ohio, is at present occupying the Parish of St. Paul's, Shreveport, and the Rev. Mr. FOX, of the Diocese of Mississippi, is serving a congregation on the Mississippi River, between New Orleans and the Balize.

The only change in the fields of labor of the clergy are those of the Rev. Mr. BURKE, who has resigned the charge of Franklin College, Opelousas, and accepted the rectorship of St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge, and of the Rev. Mr. FAY, who has resigned St. Mary's, Bayou Goula, and become a missionary in New Orleans.

In surveying the field of our operations during the year, we have reason, while we take shame to ourselves that so many things have been left undone that ought to have been done, nevertheless to thank God and take courage. While the interests of the Diocese generally have been steadily advancing, it gives us peculiar pleasure to note the increasing strength and vigor of our beloved Zion in the chief city of the Diocese. The developements of last year have been especially encouraging. Besides the consecration of the Church of the Annunciation, and the establishment of that congregation already noticed, a missionary society, composed of the members of the Church in the city, generally, has been formed, the object of which is to make special effort for the supply of the spiritual destitution immediately around them; and which from the energy with which it has given itself to its work, bids fair to be eminently useful in the spread of the Gospel. Adequate funds having been raised for the support of one mission exclusively, and to give liberal aid towards the support of another, appropriations were made to assist the Church of the Annunciation in obtaining a firm footing for its minister, while it was employed in the construction of a church edifice. This object having been accomplished, there will, it is believed, be no farther necessity for appropriation to that object after the present year; and the funds hitherto employed in aid of that church may be dedicated to the support of another missionary in a different part of the city. The society has, besides, taken on itself the entire support of another mission, at present under the charge of the Rev. Mr. FAY. A suitable building having been provided in an eligible situation, a congregation very respectable in its character and numbers, has been collected, and is now receiving his regular ministrations. It is believed that during the ensuing year a lot will be obtained and the funds secured for the com-

ment of the building of a church for their accommodation.

It gives me pleasure also to bring to the notice of the Convention an effort which is now making, under the direction of the city clergy, and to be carried out by the young men of their congregations, to supply the means of spiritual edification for the seamen of the port of New Orleans. When it is understood that the seamen belonging to two-thirds of the whole of the commercial marine of the United States, find their way every year to New Orleans, it will be seen at once that the duty of attempting something on the part of the church to provide for their spiritual wants, is both obvious and pressing.

To meet this duty an association of young men has been formed, who have fitted up very neatly a building arranged with the usual appurtenances for public worship, and have also provided a fund quite adequate for the support of a clergyman, to be employed for their benefit. To discharge the duties appertaining to this office, I have granted a license as lay-reader to Mr. C. W. WHITEHALL, one of the candidates for orders, who will attend to such duties as will be authorized by his appointment, and be assisted in the discharge of those that are specially clerical, by the pastors of the city churches. Mr. WHITEHALL has been very successfully engaged for several years in preaching to the seamen of the port of New Orleans, as a minister in the Methodist communion, and is believed to be well fitted for that service. It is designed at an early day to build a Bethel for their accommodation.

Of the contemplated plan for extending the accommodations of the congregation of Christ Church, you will be informed, I presume, in the Parochial Report from that Parish.

On the subject of Education, I beg leave to refer you to the Report from the Committee specially charged with its interests; from which you will perceive that although less has been done than we could have desired, still the interest in its behalf in the Diocese is sustained, and there is reasonable ground for believing we may accomplish ultimately the objects proposed in the resolutions of the last Convention.

I desire to bring to the notice of the Convention the expediency of taking some measure for rendering our Diocesan Missionary Society more efficient. Every year is opening new fields of labor for the Church in the Diocese, and nothing is wanting to enable us to occupy them with great advantage but the means of supporting our missionaries. It is thus that at certain points in the Diocese within the last year or two, congregations have been organized and funds sufficient to build churches and support their ministers have been raised by the people themselves, without calling for any foreign aid.

This, however, may not be generally expected, although it is believed there are many points still unoccupied, where, with the aid of a missionary stipend for a year or two, congregations may be raised capable of taking care of themselves. To meet this class I would press it earnestly upon the church as a duty, to increase the amount of the fund for the support of Diocesan Missions.

I commend you, in conclusion, to the favor and blessing of Him who has loved us and given himself for us.

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After the reading of the Bishop's Charge, the Report of the Standing Committees were handed in and read.

1st. The Report of the Committee on Education, by Dr. HAWKS, their Chairman, as follows :

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, respectfully Report, that circumstances have arisen to prevent them from procuring *all* the information that is desirable upon the important interests confided to their care. They have nevertheless matters connected with the subject of education to bring to the notice of the Convention, and on which to evoke its action, should it be deemed expedient.

That to carry out the principles and suggestions offered by the Bishop in his last annual Address, the cordial co-operation of the clergy is *indispensable*, is a point perfectly obvious to your Committee. Indeed they have no wish to see the education of the youth of our communion separated from the agency direct or indirect of the clergy. They believe that all past experience has shown that the best friends and most efficient laborers in the cause of education have been the clergy; and they therefore utterly reject the modern opinion of some, that ministers of religion should be excluded from institutions of learning.

With these views, the attention of your Committee has been principally directed to the inquiry, to what extent our own clergy are at present engaged in furthering the work of training the young, and they offer the following as the result of that inquiry :

At Jackson, an institution known as "The Southern Institution for Young Ladies," under the direct and exclusive control of the Rev. Dr. LACEY, has been in existence for nearly two years. The number of its pupils is thirty-seven, about twenty of whom reside in the Rector's family; and your Committee have no hesitation in saying that they look upon this school with the deepest interest, and consider

its prosperity as of primary importance. The pupils are studying the English and French languages, Geography, Arithmetic, History, Physiology, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Rhetoric, Intellectual Philosophy, Logic, Algebra, Elocution, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Drawing and Painting.

Divine service is celebrated, and a sermon preached in the Institute every Sunday, when the Rector is at home. The Catechism and the outlines of Theology are taught in weekly lectures. Great pains are taken to imbue the minds of the pupils with principles of pure morality and scriptural christianity. The school appears to be in a healthy and flourishing condition at present. More will be said of the institution in a future part of the Report.

At East Baton Rouge, the Rev. Mr. BURKE, the Rector of the Parish, has procured suitable accommodations and opened an institution for boys. Provision is made in Mr. BURKE's family for those sent from a distance. Of the qualifications of the principal and his assistant, it may truly be said, they are of a very high order. The institution has but recently been opened, and now numbers about thirty pupils. Your Committee is fully persuaded that it needs but hearty co-operation on the part of Episcopalians to make both this and Dr. LACEY's institution, seminaries of great value to the Church.

In New Orleans, the Rector of Christ's Church has fairly tried the experiment of what may be done in the work of female education. The result has been most satisfactory and encouraging. The number of pupils that he was willing to receive (thirty-six) was speedily made up, and the applications for admission beyond that number, has shown that a very large and flourishing Episcopal seminary might be established there without doubt. The Rector pursued his plan upon consultation and advice with the Bishop, intending only that his effort should form the nucleus of more extended operation by competent agents, under his general supervision and control. Of this the Bishop approves, and measures are in progress, which, it is hoped, will end in the permanent establishment of a Protestant Episcopal Female Seminary in New Orleans, quite equal to any similar institution in the country.

At West Baton Rouge, the Rev. Mr. LAMON, the Rector, has a small school, consisting of about ten pupils. The population here is too sparse to admit of a large number of pupils. It is the purpose of Mr. LAMON, however, in procuring the services of a young gentleman, now of Trinity College, to enlarge the field of his exertions and increase the number of his pupils to fifteen or twenty. This is not now strictly a parochial school, but will assume that character when Mr. LAMON's plans are completed.

The Committee appointed in behalf of the Convention, to apply to the Legislature of this State, for such acts of incorporation as may be necessary for the permanent and safe appropriation of funds, given for any Church object, beg leave to Report :

That they had prepared an Act embracing provisions for raising funds for the support of a Bishop of this State ; to aid superannuated ministers, their widows and children ; to aid and assist missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State ; and to establish and support schools and colleges in connexion with said Protestant Episcopal Church, herewith submitted :

“ An Act to authorise the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State to raise funds, for the support of a Bishop ; to aid superannuated ministers, their widows and children ; to aid and assist missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State, and to establish and support parochial schools and colleges in connexion with said Protestant Episcopal Church.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in general assembly convened, That* ——— be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of “ the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Louisiana,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, take, hold, possess, enjoy, and to retain, to them and to their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, stock, goods, chattels, and effects of whatever kind, nature, or quality soever, whether movable or immovable, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain and sale, devise, or any other mode of conveyance, or transfer whatever, and to have and hold the same, contract and be contracted with, and sue and be sued, as natural persons : *Provided, however,* that the property of said corporation, and the funds thereof shall never be applied to any other purpose than the support of a Bishop of said Church within said Diocese ; to aid superannuated ministers of the said Church, their widows and children ; to aid and assist the missions of said Church in this State ; and to establish and support parochial schools and colleges, in connexion with said Church in this State.

Sec. 2. That said trustees shall hold their office until the next annual Convention of the said Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Louisiana, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified ; at which time, and at every annual Convention thereafter, trustees shall be appointed for each of the trust funds herein provided for, pursuant to said rules, by-laws, or canons of said Church,

as may be in force at the time of such appointment ; which, however, shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 3. The property or funds of said corporation shall never be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of, unless for the purpose of re-investing the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as herein-before provided, which the said annual Convention may authorize and require them the said trustees to do, under such rules, limitations and restrictions as the said Convention may adopt : *Provided*, that the revenues arising from the property held by said corporation shall never exceed in any year the sum of one hundred thousand dollars."

That before presenting the same to be acted upon by the Legislature, they discovered that the 123d article of the new Constitution of this State, forbids future Legislatures from passing special laws in favor of corporations, except political or municipal ; but that the said Constitution orders the Legislature to provide by *general laws* for the organization of all other corporations, except with banking or discounting privileges, which are prohibited. Your Committee find that the Legislature of this State, now in session, are making general laws for the incorporation of colleges and schools, and have heard that a general law has lately been introduced for the incorporation of all churches, &c.; but whether any of these general laws will be sufficiently comprehensive to include the objects of the Bishop's fund ; to aid superannuated ministers, their widows and children ; or to aid and assist the missions of this Church, your Committee do not know. They would therefore suggest and recommend to the Convention the appointment of a Committee to examine the aforesaid law now maturing and in progress before the Legislature ; and if the same should not be found sufficient and adequate to secure the aforesaid interests of this Church, that said Committee be requested to endeavor to get such amendment to such general laws, or a new general law passed by the Legislature, enabling this Convention to secure the permanent and safe investment of all funds for either or all of said purposes. And that the said Committee be further requested to file the special acts under said general laws to secure and protect said church interests.

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Incorporation for church purposes be requested to get such amendments to the general laws now in progress before the Legislature, or a new general law enacted by the Legislature, enabling this Convention to secure the permanent and safe investment of all funds for the objects of this Church.

2. *Resolved*, That said Committee be further requested to prepare and file such special acts with the proper State authorities, as may be



found necessary to secure and protect all the interests which is contemplated under the several trusts for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State.

THOMAS BUTLER.

GEO. S. LACEY.

JOHN L. LOBDELL.

Ordered, that the Report and Resolutions from the Committee of Incorporation be laid on the table for the present.

The lay delegates, JOHN NICHOLSON, RICHARD E. BUTLER, HIRAM J. GROVER, and Dr. TIMOTHY FAY appeared and took their seats in Convention.

The Convention adjourned to half-past four o'clock, P. M.

#### HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when the Report and Resolutions of the Committee of Incorporation of Trust Funds was taken up and adopted.

#### III. The Report of the Standing Committee.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE respectfully reports, that since the last Convention they have signed the testimonials of the Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D. D., as Bishop elect of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and have signed also the canonical testimonials recommending to the Bishop Messrs. WILLIAM C. STOUT and CHARLES W. WHITEHALL, as candidates for holy orders.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, Chairman.

NEW ORLEANS, April 20, 1846.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted by the Convention, to-wit :

1. *Resolved*, That a special agent be appointed by the Standing Committee to visit the several Parishes and Churches of the Diocese, to solicit contributions to the formation of a permanent fund for the support of the episcopate in Louisiana ; that such agent solicit such contributions to be payable in instalments to the Standing Committee of the Diocese ; that he pay over such monies as he may receive to the Standing Committee ; and that he be allowed for his services, in addition to his travelling expenses, such compensation as may be agreed on by him and the Standing Committee.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the

Rev. Dr. LACEY, for the sermon preached this morning, and that he be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy thereof, to be published with the Journal of the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to carry into effect, as far as they possibly can, during the ensuing year, the principles and wishes of the Convention in the establishment of parochial schools, and that they be particularly desired to commence (if in their view it be at all practicable) the laying the foundation of an education fund.

4. *Resolved*, That when the Convention adjourn, it adjourns to meet in the Parish of Grace Church, St. Francisville, on the second Wednesday after Easter.

After which, the Treasurer's Report was received and adopted, as follows :

## TREASURER'S REPORT :

The Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana in account with CHARLES GOODRICH,  
*Treasurer.*

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| 1845.     | Dr. | To balance due on account as by last Report, . . . .      | \$00 50       |
| May       |     | “ cash paid for printing Journals of last Convention, . . | 70 00         |
|           |     | “ incidental expenses, postage, &c. . . . .               | 00 75         |
|           |     | “ balance on hand, paid over to new Treasurer, . . . .    | 8 75          |
|           |     |                                                           | <hr/> \$80 00 |
| 1845.     |     |                                                           |               |
| April 25. | Cr. | By cash rec'd from St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, . | \$5 00        |
| May.      |     | “ do. “ “ Grace Church, St. Francisville, . . . .         | 15 00         |
| “         |     | “ do. “ “ Christ Church, New Orleans, . . . .             | 60 00         |
|           |     |                                                           | <hr/> \$80 00 |

5. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to the Rev. C. GOODRICH the sum of three dollars and seventy-five cents for conditional expenses to the general Convention of 1841.

6. *Resolved*, That the third Article of the Constitution be changed, so that in future, *one half of the Parishes* in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, instead of two-thirds of the Parishes.

Mr. GEORGE S. LACEY submitted a proposition for the alteration of the third Article of the Constitution, and that it be amended in the following manner, to-wit: on the eighth line, immediately after the words, “signed by the wardens,” insert the words “or either of them, or by the Secretary of the said Vestry, or the Rector of the Parish,”

which proposition, according to the requirements of the Constitution, lies over for the action of the next Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop SMITH, of Kentucky, by request, then addressed the Convention on education; after which, the Convention adjourned to meet at nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 24th, 1846.

The Convention assembled at nine o'clock.

The Rev. C. GOODRICH was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, when the roll was called, and the Minutes of the former proceedings read and approved. On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to make nominations for suitable members of the various Committees of this Convention.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen said nominating Committee :

Rev. Mr. BURKE, Rev. Mr. LAMON, and Mr. GEO. S. LACEY.

The nominating Committee reported the following as suitable members of the Committees of this Convention, which report was approved and unanimously adopted by the Convention, as follows, to-wit :

*Standing Committee :*

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| Rev. Dr. HAWKS. | HON. THOMAS BUTLER. |
| " Dr. LACEY.    | L. C. DUNCAN, Esq.  |
| " Mr. GOODRICH. | JOHN NICHOLSON.     |

*Diocesan Missionary Committee :*

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| Rev. Mr. PRESTON. | HON. THOMAS BUTLER. |
| " Mr. GOODRICH.   | Mr. B. M. NORMAN.   |

*Education Committee :*

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| Rev. Dr. HAWKS. | JOHN L. LOBDELL.      |
| " Dr. LACEY.    | HON. GEORGE S. GUION. |
| " Mr. LAMON.    | Dr. IRA SMITH.        |
| " Mr. LEWIS.    | THOMAS SLOO.          |

*Delegates to General Convention :*

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| Rev. Dr. HAWKS.  | HON. THOMAS BUTLER. |
| " Mr. LEWIS.     | LUCIUS C. DUNCAN.   |
| " N. O. PRESTON. | JOHN L. LOBDELL.    |
| " E. GUION.      | Dr. IRA SMITH.      |

On motion, it was

twice in Vermillionville; twice in St. Martinsville; twice in Franklin; twice in East Baton Rouge; and every Sunday, and on the great festivals and fasts, when at home, in the Institute. I have celebrated one marriage, one baptism, and two funerals. Seven communicants are attached to the Institute; and I expect five or six of its inmates to receive confirmation, the next time we are visited by the Bishop.

W. B. LACEY, D. D., Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THIBODEAUX, PARISH LA FOURCHE  
INTERIOR.

The Rector respectfully reports that during the past conventional year his services were so much interrupted by a *necessary* absence in the North, the protracted illness of his family, and the unusual inclemency of the winter—frequently rendering the roads impassable—that much less has been accomplished than he had hoped otherwise to have been enabled to perform. In reviewing his work, however, during the past year, he is encouraged, and sees much for which he would be grateful to the great head of the Church. There has been an increasing interest manifested in spiritual and eternal things, and some have been added to our communion of such, we trust, as shall be saved; and we humbly hope that there are others inquiring the way of salvation, who will soon choose that good part which shall never be taken from them.

The Sabbath School is at present very promising—the scholars being both regular and attentive—numbering 41—taught by the Rector, two male, and five female teachers. It is well furnished with suitable books for instruction, and has a library of three hundred and ninety-six volumes. Still, we have to regret that the want of teachers argues an absence of the due appreciation of this direct and blessed means of increasing religious knowledge in the community, and of making known the rites and institutions of our branch of the apostolic Church.

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| Communicants, last reported, 10 white, 14 colored, . . . . .                                   | 24            |
| “ added, white, . . . . .                                                                      | 5             |
| Confirmed, . . . . .                                                                           | 3             |
| Baptized, by the Rector—infants, white 8; colored, 6=14                                        |               |
| “ “ adults, 2; “ 15=17                                                                         |               |
| “ by the Bishop—infant, white, . . . . . 1 . . . . .                                           | 32            |
| Marriages, by the Bishop—white, 1; colored, 6; . . . . .                                       | 7             |
| “ by the Rector— “ 1; “ 1; . . . . .                                                           | 2 . . . . . 9 |
| Funeral, by the Rector—infant 1; adults 4; . . . . .                                           | 5             |
| “ by the Bishop— “ 2; . . . . .                                                                | 2 . . . . . 7 |
| Total Communicants, 29; do. Confirmed, 3; do. Baptisms, 32; do. Marriages, 9; do. Funerals, 7. |               |

During my leave of absence, I preached seven times, and baptized three white and thirteen colored children in the Diocese of Maryland; on returning southward, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and assisted in the administration of the holy communion. Occasional services have been performed on a plantation for the benefit of the colored people.

DAVID KERR, Rector.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BAYOU GOULA, PARISH OF IBERVILLE.

My connexion with this Parish terminated on the 31st of December, 1845. From the last Convention to that date, I report its condition as follows:

Baptisms, . . . 5 children—3 white, 2 colored.  
 Marriages, . . . 3—white, 1 colored, 2.  
 Burials, . . . 1—colored.  
 Confirmed, . . . 6.  
 Communicants, 4 added; 1 removed; total, 15—4 colored, 11 white.

Associated with the Parish are twelve plantations and families. To these would be added several of other Protestant denominations in the neighborhood, in case a church edifice, or a suitable place of public worship, were erected.

The ladies have purchased a silver service for the holy communion. In my last report to the Convention, I stated that a lot of ground had been given and funds subscribed for the building of a church. Why nothing further has come to pass, I can only wonder at, but cannot explain. It is much to be lamented, that so considerable a Protestant community as that in the vicinity of Bayou Goula, and one so amply provided with wealth and worldly means, should be without a church, and we cannot but express the hope that this want will soon be supplied.

CHARLES FAY, late Rector.

#### CITY AND PARISH OF NEW ORLEANS—CHRIST CHURCH, CANAL STREET.

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| Baptisms—adults, 5; infants, 46—total, | 51  |
| Confirmed,                             | 27  |
| Interments,                            | 9   |
| Marriages,                             | 15  |
| Communicants,                          | 200 |
| Sunday Scholars,                       | 183 |

A contract has been made for building a new church edifice; and the prospect before us, both in temporals and spirituals, seems favorable.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, Rector.

*Resolved*, That the motion to hold the next Convention in Grace Church, St. Francisville, be re-considered.

Further action on this motion was postponed for the present.

The Secretary of the Convention appeared and resumed his duties in Convention.

The following resolutions were then adopted by the Convention.

*Resolved*, That hereafter a sermon on missions shall be preached at the annual meetings of the Convention, with particular reference to the support of missions in the Diocese. The preacher to be appointed by the Bishop.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary Committee be instructed to address a letter to each clergyman in the Diocese, having charge of a Parish, reminding him of the necessity of making a collection on or near Epiphany, for the aid of the Diocesan Missions.

*Resolved*, That an assessment, amounting in the whole to the sum of three hundred dollars, be made on the several Parishes in union with the Convention, for the purpose of paying the travelling expenses of the Bishop for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. HAWKS and the Hon. Judge BUTLER be the Committee to make the aforesaid assessments, who, after consultation, made the following assessments, to-wit: Christ Church, New Orleans, \$100; St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, \$50; Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, \$25; Grace Church, St. Francisville, \$50; St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, \$15; St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, \$25; and St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, \$35.

*Resolved*, That the clergy in the Parishes above named be requested to raise by contribution the sums respectively assessed, as soon as they conveniently can, and pay the same to the Treasurer of the Convention, subject to the order of the Bishop.

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### Parochial Reports.

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#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BATON ROUGE, PARISH E. BATON ROUGE.

The long established and comparatively numerous congregations of various denominations of Christians in this town—the recent connection with it of the undersigned, and the want of a suitable place of worship for the members and friends of the Church, will, he trusts,

sufficiently account for the meagre character of this report. A cheerful and zealous co-operation with the undersigned, not only of his vestry and flock, but of the advocates and supporters generally of education, good order and morality, will, he also trusts, enable him, through the divine blessing, to present at the next annual Convention of this Diocese, a much enlarged table of the usual statistics.

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| Baptisms—adults, colored, 3 ; white, 1. Infant, 1, . . . . . | 5    |
| Communicants—added, 1, . . . . .                             | 17   |
| Sunday Scholars, . . . . .                                   | 33   |
| “ Teachers, . . . . .                                        | 7    |
| Burials, . . . . .                                           | 0    |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                         | 1    |
| Contributions for benevolent purposes, . . . . .             | \$26 |
| JOHN BURKE, Rector.                                          |      |

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SMITHFIELD, PARISH W. BATON ROUGE.

Since the last Convention the undersigned has

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| Baptized 7 white children and 2 colored adults—total, . . . . .                                                                                       | 9  |
| Communicants—added 3 white ; 1 died ;—present number, . . . . .                                                                                       | 17 |
| “ added 6 colored ; 2 died ; 6 suspended ; present number 40—whole total, white and colored, . . . . .                                                | 57 |
| Marriages, 1—Funerals, 3.                                                                                                                             |    |
| Sunday School Teachers, 4—Scholars, about 20, . . . . .                                                                                               | 24 |
| Contributed to Missionary, and other objects of benevolence, about, \$100                                                                             |    |
| Fifteen dollars of which are for the fund for superannuated Clergymen, their widows and children. The general condition of the Church is encouraging. |    |
| A. H. LAMON, Rector.                                                                                                                                  |    |

#### GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, PARISH WEST FELICIANA.

|                                                          |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Baptisms—white, adults, 6 ; infants, 24=30 } . . . . .   | 93    |
| “ Colored, adults, 7 ; infants, 56=63 } . . . . .        |       |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                 | 17    |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                     | 9     |
| Funerals, . . . . .                                      | 15    |
| Communicants—added, 7 ; died, 5 ; removed, 2 ; . . . . . | 26    |
| Collections—for Diocesan Missions, . . . . .             | \$ 30 |
| “ Domestic Missions, . . . . .                           | 50    |
| “ Superannuated Clergymen, &c. . . . .                   | 64    |
| “ contributed to other objects, . . . . .                | 130   |
| D. S. LEWIS, Rector.                                     |       |

#### SOUTHERN INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES, JACKSON, PARISH EAST FELICIANA.

During the year now closing, I have officiated once in Shreveport ; four times in Natchitoches ; once in Alexandria ; twice in Opelousas ;

*Resolved*, That *Grace Church, St. Francisville*, be stricken out of the resolution heretofore passed, as the place where the Convention is to be adjourned to meet, on the second Wednesday after Easter next, and that the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, be, and is hereby substituted as the place of the meeting of the next Convention.

The Convention then took a recess until after the services of the Church, which commenced at eleven o'clock, A. M., the Rev. Dr. LACEY reading the service, and the Rev. Dr. HAWKS gave a discourse on Education to a large congregation. A collection was then taken up for the benefit of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge; after which the right of confirmation was administered by the Bishop, and the congregation dismissed, when the Convention again came to order.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Dr. HAWKS for his sermon preached this morning on Education, and that he be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy thereof, to be published and distributed with the Journal:

When the Rev. Dr. HAWKS respectfully declined the publication of the sermon by the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, for the use of the Church for the purposes of the Convention, and to the inhabitants of the city of Baton Rouge, for their hospitality to the members of the Convention during their stay.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn *sine die*, after the usual religious exercises.

The minutes of Thursday and to-day were read, corrected and approved.

The members of the Convention united in singing a hymn of the Selection, and the session was closed with prayers and the Benediction, by the Bishop.

LEONIDAS POLK,

*President of the Convention and Bishop of the Diocese.*

ATTEST:

JOHN L. LOBDELL, *Secretary.*



## APPENDIX.

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### Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Louisiana

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#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

#### ARTICLE II.

The Annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; or, in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each Convention, and shall continue in office till the next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church shall require it; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both clergymen and laymen. All ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who shall have officiated six months in some Parish in the State; Clerical Instructors of youth, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, who have been resident in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three lay delegates; and if it consists of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether clerical or lay, from one-half of the Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—CAMP STREET.

|                                                             |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—adults, 2 white, 4 colored; infants, 30; . . . . . | 36  |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                        | 11  |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                    | 20  |
| Communicants—added, 32; removed, 11—total, . . . . .        | 105 |
| Interments, . . . . .                                       | 27  |
| Sunday School—children, 225—teachers 25.                    |     |

The Rector is happy to say, that a class for the instruction of colored children has been organized, and is in successful operation, under the care of faithful and judicious teachers. Number of pupils, about 25.

|                                                                    |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Contributions for missions and other benevolent objects, . . . . . | \$420 |
| “ parochial purposes, . . . . .                                    | 250   |

CHARLES GOODRICH, RECTOR.

## CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION—ANNUNCIATION SQUARE.

|                                                              |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—adults, 8; infants, 24—all whites, . . . . .        | 32  |
| Confirmations since last Convention, . . . . .               | 19  |
| Communicants, (colored, none,) last year's report, . . . . . | 16  |
| “ removed, . . . . .                                         | 3   |
| “ added during the year, . . . . .                           | 36  |
| “ present number, . . . . .                                  | 49  |
| Marriages—(colored, 3, white, 4,) . . . . .                  | 7   |
| Funerals—(none parishioners,) . . . . .                      | 3   |
| Sunday School flourishing—Pupils about . . . . .             | 100 |

**COLLECTIONS**—Liberal contributions have been made by the Parish for missions, both at home and abroad; but its energies have been mainly expended in the erection of a church edifice, which, by the divine favor, has been completed, and on the fourth Sunday in Lent was consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

We feel deeply indebted to numerous friends who have made liberal donations to this infant Parish, and embrace this opportunity to assure them of our firm resolution to carry out *this* principle of our blessed master, “freely ye have received, freely give.”

Present prospects, both temporal and spiritual—God's name be praised—are highly encouraging.

N. O. PRESTON, RECTOR.

## CITY MISSION, NEW ORLEANS—CARONDELET STREET.

Public services were commenced at our appointed station on the second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 1846.

A very respectable and increasing congregation has been in regular

attendance up to the present time. Our Sunday School is yet small, with a library of one hundred and twelve volumes.

Measures are in progress towards securing a lot of ground for the erection of a church. It is our intention to become organized as a Parish, so soon as the Legislature of the State shall pass the act necessary to our being recognized in a corporate capacity. We have every reason to be encouraged in the belief, that whenever the church edifice shall be built, a large congregation will be ready to occupy it.

There are now connected with this missionary station eighteen families, and a considerable number of individuals who are either unmarried, or whose families are at present elsewhere.

Burials, 1—a child. Communicants, 24—(1 died.)

CHARLES FAY, MISSIONARY.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHE, PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, AND ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, PARISH OF RAPIDES.

Since the last Convention, the undersigned reports the following :

|                                                    |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Baptisms—children 32 ; adults, 14—total, . . . . . | 46                      |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                           | 13                      |
| Communicants—at last report, . . . . .             | 40                      |
| “ added by removal, . . . . .                      | 4                       |
| “ new, . . . . .                                   | 14—58                   |
| “ lost by removal, . . . . .                       | 9                       |
| “ death, . . . . .                                 | 2                       |
| “ discipline, . . . . .                            | 1—12—present number, 46 |
| Marriages, . . . . .                               | 5                       |
| Burials, . . . . .                                 | 15                      |
| Sunday Scholars, 20—teachers, 3                    |                         |
| Contributions to Domestic Missions, . . . . .      | \$21                    |

The Church at Alexandria being still without a settled minister, I continue my visits to that place, generally once in each month. Of the forty-six communicants reported above, twelve belong to Alexandria. At both places the progress of the Church has been greatly impeded by the decline of business and consequent removals.

E. GUION, JR., RECTOR OF TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHE.

After the reading of the foregoing Parochial Reports, it was, on motion, Resolved, That LUCIUS C. DUNCAN, Esq. be added to the Committee for obtaining charters for Trust Funds.

The resolution to reconsider the place of meeting of the next Convention was then called up, when it was

## ARTICLE IV.

The clergy and the laity shall deliberate in one body, in all cases not hereinafter provided for; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide, the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

## ARTICLE V.

A Standing Committee, to consist of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention; any three of whom, always including one clerical member, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; except for such purposes as, by the Canon of the General Convention, shall require a larger number

## ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner: at least four weeks before the Convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the clergy and laity shall vote separately; the clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person for that office: Whereupon such choice shall be communicated to the lay delegates; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

## ARTICLE VII.

Delegates to the General Convention shall be appointed, and shall continue in office during the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention; but in case of vacancy by death or resignation, a substitute or substitutes may be appointed by the Bishop; or if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting.

## Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Louisiana.

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### CANON I.

#### OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

The mode of organizing a new Parish shall be as follows :—The friends of the Church, being duly convened, shall choose two Wardens, and not less than five Vestrymen, and also a Parish Clerk. To entitle such new Parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, they shall pass a resolution declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also of the Diocese of Louisiana ; a copy of which resolutions, with the proceedings of the meeting, certified by the Clerk, shall be laid before the Convention.

### CANON II.

#### OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk, shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday ; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who contribute annually to the support of the ministry, shall be entitled to vote.

### CANON III.

#### OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every Parish to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually ; and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Standing Committee to pay for publishing the Journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each Parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the Journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention shall contain a statement of the sums received, the Parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended.

**CANON IV.****OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.**

Every Minister shall keep a register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The Record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors ; the name of the adult baptized ; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry ; and in case of a vacancy by the senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the Minister to present to the annual Convention a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals within his cure ; together with the number of Communicants ; distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the Parish.

**CANON V.****OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election by choosing a President and Secretary ; the latter of whom shall keep a record of all its transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President ; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

**CANON VI.****OF THE CONVENTION.**

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper : and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of the vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

## Resolutions passed in the Conventions of 1845 and 1846.

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The Bishop of the Diocese is authorized to admit to Deacon's orders, under Canon VI. of the General Convention of 1844, such persons as may apply for the same, and shall to his satisfaction, and to that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, comply with the requirements of the said VI. Canon.

There shall be a Board of Education of five or more persons, annually chosen by the Convention ; of which Board the Bishop of the Diocese shall always be *ex officio* Chairman ; and to this Board shall be confided the supervision of the work of education in the Church.

The Board shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of holding the Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on the interests of education, and shall present to the Convention a report of the state of the schools connected with the Church in this Diocese. At every such annual meeting, the Board shall cause a sermon, or address to be delivered on the subject of education : the preacher or speaker having been appointed at least three months previously.

Any of the parochial Clergy may proceed to the formation of parochial or other schools, if they deem it expedient, reporting their proceedings therein to the Board of Education, to be laid before the next Convention, subject to the controlling action of that body.

Teachers to parochial schools shall be chosen by the Board of Education, upon the nomination of the Bishop, and shall be removable by the Board, with the approbation of the Bishop. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Board shall have power to act alone in appointments and removals.

The Bishop shall be *ex officio* visitor of all schools in the Diocese that are connected with the Church. He shall also prescribe the religious services to be used in said schools, and, together with the Board, designate the books to be studied on all matters appertaining to the doctrine, ritual, and government of the Church.

Whenever an individual is desirous of establishing a private literary institution in this Diocese, under the direction of the Church, he shall make his desire known to the Bishop, who, on being satisfied with his or her qualifications, and with the locality of the proposed school, shall licence him or her, and shall appoint three discreet Episcopalians as visitors of the establishment. It shall be the duty of such visitors to visit the school at least once a quarter, and examine the pupils and government thereof. They shall report to the Board of Education at each annual Convention, and to the Bishop oftener, if necessary, the true condition of the school, and endeavor generally to promote its true interests and efficiency.

The Rectors of the several Parishes in this Diocese are to take up collections in their several churches on Christmas day of each year, and report the annual amount of the same to each annual Convention thereafter.

Each Minister in this Diocese, having a Church in charge, is to procure annual contributions to the Episcopal Fund, either by making a collection, or otherwise, as he may deem best. The Wardens in each Parish are to open a book for the subscription of money in hand, or in annual instalments, at the option of the subscribers; and also for obtaining donations in land, or any other species of property; and such books, together with a report of any other collections for said fund, shall be laid before the Convention at their annual meetings by the respective clergymen of each Parish.

Every Clergyman in charge of a Parish in the Diocese shall hereafter furnish at each annual Convention, to the Education Committee, a statement in writing of what is being done in his Parish in the work of education, under the auspices of the Church.

A sermon on missions shall be preached at the annual meetings of the Convention, with particular reference to the support of missions in the Diocese. The preacher to be appointed by the Bishop.

Every Clergyman in charge of a Parish in this Diocese shall hereafter take up a collection in his Church annually, on or near Epiphany, for the aid of Diocesan Missions, and report the same to the next Convention thereafter.



## Rules of Order.

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I. At the opening of any session of the Convention, the President shall take the Chair, and shall continue to preside during the sitting. He shall possess the usual powers of presiding officers in deliberative assemblies, to preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. He shall have the right to name any clerical member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, unless directed by the House. The person so named shall possess all the powers of the President, but shall not lose the right of voting while so presiding.

II. If the Secretary of the preceding Convention be in attendance, he shall officiate as such until another be chosen. If he be not present, a temporary Secretary may be appointed, on motion, by a viva voce vote.

III. After the Chair being taken by the President, the Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the journals those who are present. Notice shall then be given to the lay deputies to place their certificates on the table. They shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members, to be appointed by the President. Any irregular or defective certificate shall be suspended until a quorum shall have appeared. The names of the lay deputies, duly appointed shall then be called, and those who are present shall be entered on the journal. The irregular and defective certificates shall then be reported to the Convention, who shall decide on the admission of the deputies named in them.

IV. A constitutional quorum being found to be present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

V. A Secretary shall then be chosen for the Convention. He may appoint an assistant, who shall perform all the duties of the office in the absence of the Secretary.

VI. After the daily morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows :

1. The reading, correcting, and approving of the Minutes of the preceding day
2. Calling the names of absent members, and entering on the journal those who appear.
3. Reports from the various Committees.
4. Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business.

VII. The Bishop's address shall be in order at any time.

VIII. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

IX. No motion shall be put or debated, unless it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, when required by the President, or any member.

X. If the question in debate contain several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

XI. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to postpone it indefinitely; to postpone it to a certain time; to lay it on the table; to commit it, or amend it; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. But a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate; and if it be negatived, it shall not be renewed until some new business has intervened.

XII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

XIII. On a question being put by the President, it shall be determined by the sound of the voices, for or against it; but any member may require a count of the votes, and tellers for that purpose shall be appointed by the Chair; or any three votes may, previous to a decision by counts, require the ayes and noes to be taken, which shall be done by calling the clerical members and the churches represented, and the vote shall be entered on the journal.

XIV. Any five votes may require the ayes and noes, to be taken by orders, and when so taken they shall be entered on the minutes.

XV. No member may speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

XVI. A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the votes of the Convention, nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on a prior decision: nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

XVII. All special committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot.

XVIII. No standing rule or order shall be suspended, changed, or rescinded, without one day's previous notice of a motion to that effect, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the persons present entitled to vote.

XIX. Before the final adjournment of any session of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved:

# SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—1898

| CHURCHES.                              |                      |                           | PARISHES.  |             | MINISTERS. |          | Baptisms. |           | Com. ministrs. |            | S. S.     |            | REMARKS.   |                                    |                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                      |                           | Adults.... | Infants.... | Confirmed. | Died.... | Removed.. | Added.... | Whole Number.. | Marriages. | Funerals. | Teachers.. | Scholars.. | Contributions for Church purposes. |                                                                                                  |
| St. James' Church,.....                | E. Baton Rouge,..... | John Burke,.....          | 4          | 1           | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1         | 17             | 1          | 7         | 33         | \$50       |                                    |                                                                                                  |
| St. John's Church,.....                | W. Baton Rouge,..... | A. H. Lamon,.....         | 2          | 7           | ..         | 3        | ..        | 8         | 57             | 1          | 3         | 4          | 20         | 100                                |                                                                                                  |
| Grace Church,.....                     | W. Feliciana,.....   | D. S. Lewis,.....         | 13         | 80          | 17         | 5        | 2         | 7         | 26             | 9          | 15        | ..         | ..         | 274                                |                                                                                                  |
| Southern Inst'n for Young Ladies,..... | E. Feliciana,....    | Wm. B. Lacey, D. D.,      | 1          | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | 7              | 1          | 2         | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | 5 candidates for confirmation.                                                                   |
| St. John's Church,.....                | La Fourche, La.,     | David Kerr,.....          | 17         | 15          | 3          | ..       | 5         | 29        | 9              | 7          | 7         | 41         | ..         | ..                                 | Occasional services to colored people, on a plantation in vicinity.                              |
| St. Mary's Church,.....                | Bertrille,.....      | Chas. Fay, late Rector,   | ..         | 5           | 6          | 1        | 4         | 15        | 3              | 1          | 1         | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | The ladies furnished a silver service for communion, and funds provided to build a Church.       |
| Christ Church,.....                    | New Orleans,.....    | F. L. Hawes, D. D.,       | 5          | 46          | 27         | ..       | ..        | 200       | 15             | 9          | 1         | 133        | ..         | ..                                 | Contract made for erection of new Church.                                                        |
| St. Paul's Church,.....                | ..                   | Chas. Goodrich,.....      | 6          | 30          | 20         | 11       | 32        | 105       | 11             | 27         | 25        | 225        | 670        | ..                                 | Instruction to colored children.                                                                 |
| Church of the Annunciation,.....       | ..                   | N. O. Preston,.....       | 8          | 24          | 19         | 3        | 36        | 49        | 7              | 3          | ..        | 100        | liberal    | ..                                 | Prospect highly encouraging. Contributions liberal, but mainly for completing church edifice.    |
| City Mission,.....                     | ..                   | Chas. Fay,.....           | ..         | ..          | 1          | ..       | ..        | 24        | ..             | 1          | ..        | small      | ..         | ..                                 | Will organize as a Church under the general laws of the Legislature—contemplate building Church. |
| Trinity Church,.....                   | Natchitoches, {      | E. Guion, Jr.,.....       | 14         | 32          | 13         | 2        | 9         | 18        | 46             | 5          | 15        | 3          | 20         | 21                                 | Visits St. James' Church once in each month—being no settled minister there.                     |
| St. James' Church, {                   | Rapides, {           | ..                        | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | No Report.                                                                                       |
| Ascension Church,.....                 | Ascension,.....      | No settled minister,..... | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 |                                                                                                  |
| — Church,.....                         | Cadde,.....          | Alex. McLeod,.....        | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | do.                                                                                              |
| — Church,.....                         | De Soto,.....        | Wm. Steele,.....          | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | do.                                                                                              |
| St. Luke's Church,.....                | La Fayette,.....     | No settled minister,..... | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | do.                                                                                              |
| Zion Church,.....                      | ..                   | ..do.,.....               | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | do.                                                                                              |
| — Church,.....                         | St. Mary,.....       | Samuel G. Litton,.....    | ..         | ..          | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..             | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..                                 | do.                                                                                              |
|                                        |                      |                           | 70         | 240         | 105        | 11       | 36        | 111       | 574            | 22         | 33        | 46         | 623        | \$1091                             |                                                                                                  |

## Amount of Diocesan Mission Fund.

|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1846. In the hands of the Committee, as per Report, 3d April, 1845, | \$161 75 |
| April 23. Amount collected by Grace Church, St. Francisville,       | 30 00    |
|                                                                     | \$191 75 |

### THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES HAVE NOT TAKEN UP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS FUND, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CANON.

| Ascension Church, . . .       | Donaldson,        | Parish of Ascension, . | 1844. | 1845. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| St. James' " . . .            | Baton Rouge,      | " E. Baton Rouge, "    | "     | "     |
| St. John's " . . .            | Smithville,       | " W. Baton Rouge, "    | "     | "     |
| " " . . .                     | Shreveport,       | " Caddo, . . .         | "     | "     |
| St. John's " . . .            | Thibodeaux,       | " Lafourche Inter. "   | "     | "     |
| St. Mary's " . . .            | Bayou Goula,      | " Iberville, . . .     | "     | "     |
| St. Luke's " . . .            | Vermillionville,  | " Lafayette, . . .     | "     | "     |
| Zion " . . .                  | St. Martinsville, | " St. Martin, . . .    | "     | "     |
| " " . . .                     | Franklin,         | " St. Mary, . . .      | "     | "     |
| Christ " . . .                | New Orleans,      | " New Orleans, .       | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's " . . .            | "                 | " " . . .              | "     | "     |
| Church of the Annunciation, " | "                 | " " . . .              | "     | "     |
| Trinity Church, . . .         | Natchitoches,     | " Natchitoches, .      | "     | "     |
| St. James' Church, . .        | Alexandria,       | " Rapides, . . .       | "     | "     |

### AMOUNT OF FUND TO AID SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS, THEIR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

|                                                                |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1846. Amount collected at St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, | \$15 00 |
| April 28. " " Grace Church, St. Francisville,                  | 64 00   |
|                                                                | \$79 00 |

### THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES HAVE NOT TAKEN UP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS FUND, viz ;

| Ascension Church, . .                    | Donaldson,        | Parish of Ascension.  |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| St. James' " . . .                       | Baton Rouge,      | " East Baton Rouge.   |
| " " . . .                                | Shreveport,       | " Caddo.              |
| St. John's " . . .                       | Thibodeaux,       | " Lafourche Interior. |
| St. Mary's " . . .                       | Bayou Goula,      | " Iberville.          |
| St. Luke's " . . .                       | Vermillionville,  | " La Fayette.         |
| Zion " . . .                             | St. Martinsville, | " St. Martin.         |
| " " . . .                                | Franklin,         | " St. Mary.           |
| Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, | "                 | " New Orleans.        |
| Christ Church, . . .                     | "                 | " "                   |
| St. Paul's Church, . .                   | "                 | " "                   |
| Trinity Church, . . .                    | Natchitoches,     | " Natchitoches.       |
| St. James' Church, . .                   | Alexandria,       | " Rapides.            |

## Officers of the Convention.

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RT. REV. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., *President, ex officio*, near Thibodeaux.  
JOHN L. LOBDELL, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Parish West Baton Rouge,  
Post Office, Lobdell's Store.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE.

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Hawks. | Hon. Thomas Butler. |
| " " Lacey.      | L. C. Duncan, Esq.  |
| " Mr. Goodrich. | Mr. John Nicholson. |

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### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Hawks. | Hon. Thomas Butler.    |
| " Mr. Lewis.    | Lucius C. Duncan, Esq. |
| " Mr. Preston.  | John L. Lobdell, Esq.  |
| " Mr. Guion.    | Dr. Ira Smith.         |

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### DIOCESAN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Mr. Preston. | Hon. Thomas Butler. |
| " Mr. Goodrich.   | Mr. B. M. Norman.   |

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### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Hawks. | Hon. George S. Guion. |
| " Dr. Lacey.    | John L. Lobdell, Esq. |
| " Mr. Lamon.    | Dr. Ira Smith.        |
| " Mr. Lewis.    | Mr. Thomas Sloo.      |

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### COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN INCORPORATIONS FOR TRUST FUNDS.

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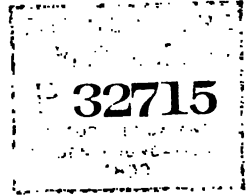
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**LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,**  
14th April, 1847.

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- Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK,**  
**Bishop of the Diocese, residing near Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.**
- Rev. JOHN BURKE,**  
**Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, Parish East Baton Rouge.**
- Rev. CHARLES FAY,**  
**Missionary in New Orleans.**
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**Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.**
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**Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.**
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**Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.**
- Rev. WILLIAM B. LACY, D. D.**  
**Rector of Southern Institution for Young Ladies, Jackson, East Feliciana.**
- Rev. A. H. LAMON,**  
**Rector of St. John's Church, Smithville, Parish West Baton Rouge.**
- Rev. D. S. LEWIS,**  
**Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, Parish West Feliciana.**
- Rev. SAMUEL G. LITTON,**  
**Rector of St. Mary's Church, Franklin, Parish St. Mary's.**
- Rev. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON,**  
**Missionary, Carondelet street, New Orleans.**
- Rev. WILEY PECK,**  
**Rector of Christ Church, Covington, Parish St. Tammany.**
- Rev. N. O. PRESTON,**  
**Rector of the Church of Annunciation, New Orleans.**
- Rev. RODERICK RANNEY,**  
**Missionary in the city of Lafayette,**
- Rev. JOHN SANDELS,**  
**Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.**
- Rev. WILLIAM STEELE,**  
**Missionary in the Parish of Caddo.**
- Rev. SPENCER WALL,**  
**Missionary, and officiating to a colored congregation of slaves in Thibodeaux,**  
**Parish Lafourche Interior.**
- Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D.**  
**Late residing in New Orleans, now traveling in Europe.**
- Rev. CHARLES W. WHITALL,**  
**Missionary, Bethel Church, New Orleans.**
- Rev. ALEXANDER McLEOD,**  
**Minister and Missionary, stationed at Lake Providence.**
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**LIST OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE  
OF LOUISIANA,  
In union with the Protestant Episcopal Church.**

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**BATON ROUGE, EAST, PARISH :**  
St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

**BATON ROUGE, WEST, PARISH :**  
St. John's Church, Smithville.

**FELICIANA, WEST, PARISH :**  
Grace Church, St. Francisville.

**LAFOURCHE INTERIOR, PARISH :**  
St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

**IBERVILLE, PARISH :**  
St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula.

**LAFAYETTE, PARISH :**  
St. Luke's Parish, Vermillionville.

**NATCHITOCHE, PARISH :**  
Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

**NEW ORLEANS CITY AND PARISH :**  
Church of the Annunciation, Annun-  
ciation Square ; Christ Church, Canal st. ;  
St. Paul's Church, Camp street.

**RAPIDES, PARISH :**  
St. James' Church, Alexandria.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH ;**  
St. Mary's Church, Franklin.

**ST. MARTIN'S PARISH ;**  
Zion Church, St. Martinsville.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH ;**  
Christ Church, Covington.

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**MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,  
Not incorporated, and in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church.**

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**ASCENSION PARISH ;**  
Donaldson, Ascension Church.

**CADDO PARISH ;**  
Rev. William Steele, Shreveport, &c.  
St. Peter's Church.

**FELICIANA EAST, PARISH ;**  
Rev. Dr. Lacy, Jackson, &c.

**NEW ORLEANS, CITY AND PARISH ;**  
Rev. William R. Nicholson, Carondelet  
street ; Rev. Charles A. Whittall, Bethel  
Church, Old Levee street ; Rev. Charles  
Fay, upper part of the City.

**LAFAYETTE CITY :**  
Rev. Roderick Ranney.

**LAFOURCHE INTERIOR, PARISH ;**  
Rev. Spencer Wall, Colored Congrega-  
tion, near Thibodeaux.

**ST. LANDRY ;**  
——, Opelousas.

**OUACHITA PARISH ;**  
——, Monroe.

**PARISH ST. MARTINS ;**  
——, New Iberia.

**PARISH OF CARROLL ;**  
Rev. Alexander McLeod, Lake Provi-  
dence.

**PARISH WEST FELICIANA ;**  
——, Little Bayou Sara.

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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*State of Louisiana, City and Parish of New Orleans :*

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, }  
Wednesday Morning, 14th April, 1847. }

This being the day, and place, appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the State of Louisiana, the services of the Church were first solemnly observed; the Rev. D. S. Lewis, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, said the morning services, and Rev. A. H. Lamon, Rector of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, read the Lessons, and the Rev. Samuel G. Litton, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Franklin, preached the Convention Sermon, to a large and attentive congregation, after which the rite of Confirmation was conferred on several persons by the Bishop, and the Holy Eucharist was administered to the clergy and many of the laity and congregation. At two o'clock in the afternoon, the Convention came to order, when the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair as President, and John L. Lobdell, the Secretary of the Convention of last year, called over the list of clergy residing in the State, and who were entitled to seats, when it appeared that the following were present, who answered to their names, and took their seats in the Convention, to wit :

Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.

Bishop of the Diocese and President of the Convention.

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

" E. GUION, " " Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

" F. L. HAWKS, D. D. " " Christ Church, New Orleans.

" A. H. LAMON, Rector of St. John's Church, W. Baton Rouge.

Rev. D. S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

“ SAMUEL G. LITTON, officiating at Franklin, St. Mary.

“ WILEY PECK, “ “ Covington, St Tammany.

“ N. O. PRESTON, Rector of the Church of Annunciation, N. O.

“ RODERICK RANNEY, officiating at the city of Lafayette.

“ CHARLES W. WHITALL, Missionary in Bethel Church, N. O.

“ WM. R. NICHOLSON, Missionary, Carondelet-st., N. Orleans.

The President then appointed the Rev. Dr. Hawks and Rev. Mr. Preston a Committee to assist the Secretary, in examining the certificates of the Lay Delegates. The Lay Delegates placed their certificates on the Secretary's table after due notice, when said Committee reported, that after due examination, it was found that the certificates from the parishes of St. James, Baton Rouge; St. John's, Smithville, parish of West Baton Rouge; St. Paul's, New Orleans; Grace, St. Francisville, and Annunciation, New Orleans, were in due form; and that Dr. F. M. Hereford, Alfred Gates, and George S. Lacey, for the parish of St. James, Baton Rouge; William Jones Lyle, William Markham, and John L. Lobdell, for the parish of St. John's, Smithville parish, West Baton Rouge; Hon. Chas. Watts, Greenbury Dorsey, Frederick R. Southmayd, and Thomas Sloo, for the parish of St. Paul's, New Orleans; Hon. Thomas Butler, Doctor Ira Smith, J. Dale Powel, and P. Beekman McKelvey, for the parish of Grace Church, St. Francisville; and Dr. Yeizer, J. P. McMillen, His Excellency Isaac Johnson, and P. M. Ozanne, for the parish of the Church of the Anunciation, New Orleans, were entitled to their seats as Lay Delegates to the Convention.—The Committee further reported that the certificate from the parish of Christ Church, New Orleans, was not in due form, for the want of the signatures of the Wardens instead of the Secretary. When on motion it was resolved by the Convention, that the Lay Delegates, William Newton Mercer, Ambrose Lanfier, John Nicholson, and G. C. Duncan, from Christ Church, be received as members of the Convention, the formality to be supplied afterward.

The names of the Lay Delegates having been called, the following answered to their names and took their seats in Convention, viz: Willian Markham, John L. Lobdell, Hon. Charles Watts, Greenbury Dorsey, Thomas Sloo, Thomas Butler, Ira Smith, J. Dale Powel, P. Beekman McKelvey, Doctor Yeizer, J. P. McMillen, Isaac Johnson, P. M. Ozanne, William Newton Mercer, Ambrose Lanfier, and John Nicholson. A constitutional quorum

being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

The Rt. Rev. James Harvey Otey, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Tennessee; and the Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, D. D. Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the States of Arkansas and Texas and the Indian Territory, South of  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees of latitude, being present; on motion, it was

*Resolved*, that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Freeman, be requested to take seats in Convention at the right and left of the President, when on motion it was further

*Resolved*, that the Rev. S. Craik, of the diocese of Kentucky; Rev. Mr. Sandels, late of the diocese of Ohio, now Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux; Rev. Mr. Green, of the diocese of Mississippi, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now here present, not having canonical residences in this State, be admitted as honorary members of this Convention.

There was then laid before the Convention several applications of new churches for admission into union with the Convention, when the Rev. Dr. Hawks, and the Hon. Judge Butler, were appointed a Committee to examine the documents and report thereon to the Convention. The Committee after due examination, report in favour of the admission of the following Churches, to wit:

1st. St. Luke's Church, Vermillionville, Parish of Lafayette.

2nd. Zion Church, St. Martinsville, Parish of St. Martins.

3d. Christ Church, Covington, Parish of St. Tammany.

4th. St. Martin's Church, Franklin, Parish St. Mary.

Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, that St. Luke's Church, Vermillionville, Parish of Lafayette; Zion Church St. Martinsville, Parish of St. Martins; Christ Church, Covington, Parish of St. Tammany; and St. Mary's Church, Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, be admitted into union with the Convention.

The Convention then, in conformity with the fifth rule of order, proceeded to choose a Secretary for the Convention, when John L. Lobdell, one of the Lay Delegates, from St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, was duly chosen.

On motion and after agreement it was

*Resolved*, that the Convention be adjourned, to meet at Christ Church, Canal street, at nine o'clock, A. M.

CHRIST CHURCH, New Orleans, Thursday morning, }  
 Nine o'clock, 15th April, 1847. }

The Convention met according to adjournment, the roll was called, and the minutes of the former proceedings read, corrected and approved.

The following additional members appeared, and answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, to wit :

Rev. Spencer Wall, Missionary in the Parish of West Feliciana.

Rev. Charles Fay, Missionary in New Orleans.

Dr. T. M. Hereford, Lay Delegate for St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

Mr. Frederick R. Southmayd, Lay Delegate for St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Covington ; St. Mary's Church, Franklin ; St. John's Church, Thibodeaux ; and Trinity Church, Natchitoches, were handed in, and examined by the same Committee, who reported that all the certificates were in due form, and that the following Lay Delegates were entitled to their seats in Convention from said Churches or Parishes, viz :

*From Trinity Church, Natchitoches*—Ambrose Southmayd, sen'r, Thomas J. Stimpson, and Thomas J. Flanner, M. D.

*From St. John's Church, Thibodeaux*—Andrew Collins, Richard E. Butler, and Hon. George S. Guion.

*From St. Mary's Church, Franklin*—Stephen Duncan, Isaac Trowbridge, William C. Dwight.

*From Christ Church, Covington*—William Klingender, Hon. Geo. Strawbridge, and Hon. Jesse R. Jones.

The Secretary then called the names of said Lay Delegates, and the following answered and took their seats in Convention, viz. Thos. J. Flanner, M. D., Andrew Collins, Richard E. Butler, Hon. Geo. S. Guion, Stephen Duncan, Isaac Trowbridge.

On motion, it was then

*Resolved*, that the Rev. N. O. Preston, be and he is hereby appointed assistant Secretary.

The Convention then, about 11 o'clock, A. M., took a recess for the purpose of joining in the religious exercises of the day, when the service was said by the Rev. Mr. Peck, and the Lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Whitall, after which a sermon on education was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fay, to an attentive Congregation.

The Convention again came to order at half past one o'clock, P. M. It was then moved that Mr. Thomas Sloo, and Doctor Ira Smith be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers. The Committee reported that they had found the account and vouchers correct, and that there appeared to be a balance due the Treasurer, of ninety three dollars and twenty five cents. The Convention then, on motion, accepted the report, and received and adopted the account as follows :

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of the State of Louisiana,

To JOHN L. LOBELLE, *Treasurer*, Dr.

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1846. April 23. | To amount paid Rev. Chas. Goodrich, for contingent expenses to General Convention, Philadelphia,                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$3 75         |
| August 29.      | " Am't paid B. M. Norman, on account of publishing Journals,                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 105 00         |
|                 | " Am't paid Rt. Rev. Leonids Polk, Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, on account of traveling expenses, collections from the following churches, viz. St. Paul's, New Orleans, \$50; St. John's, Thibodeaux, \$35; Christ, New Orleans, \$100, and Annunciation New Orleans, \$25, | 210 00         |
| 1847. March 9.  | " Am't paid B. M. Norman, balance due on the publication of Journals,                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 66 25          |
|                 | " Am't paid Bishop Polk, balance of traveling expenses, for the year 1846,                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 90 00          |
|                 | " Am't paid for sundry postages of Foreign Journals, freight on Journals from New Orleans, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 00           |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <hr/> \$477 50 |
| 1846. April 20. | Cr. by cash rec'd from Rev. C. Goodrich, late <i>Treasurer</i> ,                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$8 75         |
|                 | " from St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, their assessment of publication fund                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15 00          |
|                 | " from Church of the Anunciation, for do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10 00          |
| July.           | " Am't paid St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, for do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 00          |
|                 | " Draft on Christ Church, New Orleans, for do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 60 00          |
|                 | " Cash rec'd from Trinity Church, Natchitoches do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 00          |
|                 | " Do. paid by the following Churches, to Bishop Polk, on account of his traveling expenses in 1836, viz. St. Paul's, N Orleans, \$50; Christ, New Orleans, \$100; Anunciation, New Orleans, \$25; St. John's, Thibodeaux, \$35                                                      | 210 00         |
| August,         | " Draft received from Grace Church, St Francisville, their quota of traveling expenses of Bishop,                                                                                                                                                                                   | 50 00          |
| 1847. April 14. | " their quota of publication,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10 00          |
| "               | " Balance due Treasurer,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 93 75          |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <hr/> \$477 50 |
| "               | " " To amount balance due Treasurer,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$93 75        |

JOHN L. LOBELLE, *Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*



**AMOUNT DUE ON PUBLICATION FUND, BY THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES.**

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Ascension, Donaldson, . . . . .         | 10 00   |
| St. John's, West Baton Rouge, . . . . . | 10 00   |
| St. John's, Thibodeaux, . . . . .       | 10 00   |
| St. Mary's, Bayou Goula, . . . . .      | 10 00   |
| St. James', Alexandria, . . . . .       | 10 00   |
|                                         | <hr/>   |
|                                         | \$50 00 |

**AMOUNT DUE ON TRAVELLING FUND OF THE BISHOP, FOR THE YEAR 1836, viz :**

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| By St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, . | \$25 00 |
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, .         | 15 00   |
|                                           | <hr/>   |
|                                           | \$40 00 |

The funds for Diocesan Missions, and Superannuated Ministers, their widows and children, remain in the same hands as per last year.

JOHN L. LOBDELL, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

## Parochial Reports.

The Parochial Reports were then read and handed into the Secretary, as follows :

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE.**

|                                                                   |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Baptisms—Adults 2, Children 9, (all white,) . . . . .             | 11     |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                              | 3      |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                          | 7      |
| Burials, . . . . .                                                | 2      |
| Communicants—Reported at last Convention 17—present number, .     | 23     |
| Sunday Scholars about . . . . .                                   | 50     |
| Teachers of Sunday Schools, . . . . .                             | 7      |
| Collected by the undersigned for completion of Church edifice, \$ | 809 25 |
| Sunday School Library collections, . . . . .                      | 160 00 |
| “ Convention fund, . . . . .                                      | 10 00  |
| Assessment for the traveling expenses of the Bishop, . . . . .    | 15 00  |

In compliance with the 4th Resolution, passed at the Convention of this Diocese, by the Committee on Education, the undersigned has much pleasure in reporting the present condition and prospects of his school.

The cordial coöperation of the clergy as indispensable to the success of a diocesan institution, can (he thinks, with the committee,) admit of no question; how far he may himself be indebted to their influence, in his hitherto partially successful experiment, he cannot at this time presume to determine. He doubts not, however, that the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Lay Delegates, his friends, have exerted themselves and will continue to exert themselves individually in a course which *collectively* they strongly recommend.

The significant declaration of the committee that the clergy have been ever the most efficient laborers in the cause of education, might receive fresh confirmation (if, of a truth so long established, such confirmation were necessary,) in the wonderfully improved condition, both in a moral and intellectual point of view, of the pupils of this institution, since they first embraced a discipline connected with the church. To this the young gentlemen are themselves willing and happy to bear honorable testimony.

The great objects of the institution, as stated in the prospectus, are moral culture, based on pure christian principles, sound scholarship, good manners, order, system and persevering industry. The religious family exercises are in accordance with the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Strange however it is, that the recommendation by our Convention of this institution as a seminary to train for the ministry the sons of the soil, has found no response in the hearts of our opulent citizens, and that no one has proposed, so far as we can learn, to make provision for the support and education of any young person or persons, who without the means of necessary instruction, are willing and fit to become clergymen.

The above statement and remarks on the subject of education in his Parish, under the auspices of the church, are respectfully submitted by the undersigned.

JOHN BURKE, Rector.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SMITHFIELD, WEST BATON ROUGE.

|                                                  |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|
| Baptisms—White 4, colored, 10,                   | 14   |
| Confirmations—White 2, colored 10,               | 12   |
| Marriages,                                       | 4    |
| Funerals,                                        | 5    |
| Communicants—Whites, added 4, died 1, removed 4, | 17   |
| “ Colored, “ 8, “ 3, present number,             | 56   |
| Contributed to Missions,                         | \$20 |

A. H. LAMON, Rector.

**GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, WEST FELICIANA.**

|                                                          |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Baptisms—White, infants 7, colored, adults 13, . . . . . | 20   |
| Confirmed—White 16, colored 6, . . . . .                 | 22   |
| Interments, . . . . .                                    | 15   |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                     | 8    |
| Communicants—Added 4, died 3, . . . . .                  | 27   |
| Collections for Diocesan Missions, . . . . .             | \$66 |
| “ “ superannuated Clergymen, &c., . . . . .              | 20   |
| “ “ Diocesan purposes, . . . . .                         | 65   |
| “ “ Episcopal Sunday School Union, . . . . .             | 25   |

D. S. LEWIS, Rector.

**SOUTHERN INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES.****JACKSON, PARISH OF EAST FELICIANA. •**

Immediately after the Southern Institute was reorganized by the Convention as a Diocesan School, I recommended a system of improvement, which has already involved an expenditure of two thousand dollars. When this system is completed, the institute, in point of beauty, stability and comfort, will be equal to any literary institution in the country.

All the solid and ornamental branches of female education are taught in it, and taught, it is believed, in a manner well adapted to develop and mature the intellectual and moral faculties.

Teachers of music, and of the French language and literature have been selected with great care, and their practical ability, assiduity and gentlemanly bearing, have given entire satisfaction.

The school is opened and closed each day with singing and prayer and Sundays and other festivals are regularly celebrated by a sermon and the service of the church. Sunday afternoons are devoted to catechetical instruction, and to lectures on the thirty-nine articles; and the evenings are spent in the practice of sacred music and other exercises of a religious character. A vigilant and parental care is extended to the pupils, both in school and out of it, and all intercourse and communication, except with near relation, is strictly prohibited. *Safety, comfort and improvement* are intended to be the characteristics of this school.

The number of boarders has gradually increased from the beginning. In the first session we had nine, in the second twelve, in the third twenty, in the fourth twenty-three, and in the fifth or present session, twenty-five. The number of day scholars is fifteen.

The course of studies pursued in the institute, embraces Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, History, Phy-

siology, Botany, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Algebra, Astronomy, Intellectual Philosophy, Logic, Mathematics, Rhetoric, Elocution, Moral Philosophy, Natural and Revealed Theology, Composition and Criticism in literature and the fine arts.

The charge for board and instruction in *English* and *French* is two hundred dollars per annum. For lessons on the *Piano* and use of the instrument, eighty dollars per annum.  $\frac{1}{2}$  For lessons on the *Guitar*, sixty dollars per annum. For lessons in Drawing and Painting, thirty-two dollars per annum.

WILLIAM B. LACY, Rector.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THIBODEAUXVILLE.

Rev. J. SANDELS, Rector, reports, that when he took charge of this Parish in November last, that he found fifteen white and about the same number of colored communicants. Since that time there have been added four white communicants, and removed to a neighboring congregation all the colored communicants except two, leaving the present number of

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|---------------------------------------------|----|
| Communicants—White 19, colored 2,           | 21 |
| Baptized—White infant 1, colored adults 27, | 28 |
| Confirmations,                              | 9  |
| Funerals,                                   | 2  |

Besides the regular services in the church, the Rector has held services for the last two months to a congregation of colored persons on a plantation in the neighborhood, with very encouraging prospects of good.

Our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. There are at present nine teachers and about forty scholars, the number increasing.

#### THE RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN,

Reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese the annexed statement, as taken from his Parish Register, viz :

|                                                                |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families attending the public services,              | 25      |
| “ “ Baptisms, (infant,) . . . . .                              | 5       |
| “ “ Communicants, . . . . .                                    | 8       |
| “ “ Marriages, . . . . .                                       | 8       |
| “ “ Funerals attended, . . . . .                               | 4       |
| Amount of collections for Diocesan Missions, . . . . .         | \$16 40 |
| “ “ “ “ the relief of the suffering poor in Ireland, . . . . . | 190 00  |

Arrangements are now making to erect a church building, and which we hope to have completed by the end of the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. LITTON, Rector.

## CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW ORLEANS.

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|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 23, total,   | 25       |
| Interments,                             | 13       |
| Communicants—Last years' report,        | 49       |
| “ Removed the past year,                | 12       |
| “ Added, 33—Total,                      | 70       |
| Marriages,                              | 8        |
| Sunday Schools—130 pupils, 15 teachers, | 145      |
| Collections—Given to others,            | \$111 00 |
| “ Applied to our own Church,            | 750 00   |

**ENCOURAGEMENTS.**—There is much to encourage us, in the increase of our congregation—in the manifest improvement in the Sunday School—as it regards the attendance and deportment of the scholars, and also in the efficiency of the superintendent, and growing interest exhibited by the teachers; but the most cheering development of the past year in this Parish is the organization, within itself, of a Missionary Society, recognizing fully the principle embraced in the last command of our Blessed Lord. The ladies of the church and congregation have their branch, and the Sunday School children have theirs.

Precious fruit has already been realized in the great increase of contributions, but better than this, in the steady growth of a missionary spirit, of *that* spirit which not only gives but cheerfully labors and prays to promote the salvation of souls.

N. O. PRESTON, Rector.

## CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The Rector reports—

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|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—5 adults, 22 children, total, | 27  |
| Marriages,                             | 19  |
| Interments,                            | 16  |
| Communicants,                          | 205 |

The new church is in a state ready for consecration. The general condition of the Parish is encouraging. The Rector, in behalf of himself and clerical brethren of the city, and at their request, reports, that in the cause of Education, their joint efforts have been concentrated on one female seminary, and one for boys. The former is a boarding and day school under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. VAN NOOTEN, and is very flourishing. The boys' school is under the care of the Rev. Mr. FAY, and Mr. HARE, of Trinity College, Dublin, and receives, because it deserves, the support of the community.

## THE RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S CAURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

Reports from the ecclesiastical record as follows :

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| Baptisms—Adult, white 3, infants, do. 42, infants, colored, 5, | 50        |
| Communicants—Removed 20, died 1, added 20, total,              | 102       |
| Marriages,                                                     | 21        |
| Interments,                                                    | 16        |
| Sunday School—Scholars, 225—Teachers, 25,                      | 250       |
| “ “ for colored children—Pupils,                               | 40        |
| “ “ Teachers,                                                  | 3         |
| Contributions to Missions and other benevolent objects,        | \$500     |
| “ for Parochial objects,                                       | 180—\$680 |

CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector.

## SECOND MISSIONARY STATION, CORNER OF CARONDELET AND PERDIDO STREETS, NEW ORLEANS.

The undersigned reports, that his connection with this station commenced on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 14th, 1847. The congregation has grown so rapidly that the room at present used for worship, is much too small for their accommodation. There is great need of a larger place, and it is hoped that before the lapse of another month this want will have been supplied. The Sunday School is small, though steadily and encouragingly on the increase. There are connected with the mission, about twenty-two families and twenty-five communicants. The undersigned also reports, that since his appointment to the mission, he has solemnized the rites of matrimony once.

WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON.

## THIRD MISSION STATION, NEW ORLEANS, SEAMENS' BETHEL.

This mission to seamen, boatmen and others, was commenced on the 19th of April, 1846, in a small room on Old Levee street, which room was fitted up for a chapel, and services were regularly held twice on each Lord's day, until October, when the lease of the room expired, and it was consequently closed. During that time your missionary reports, that the attendance on the services of the church averaged from forty to seventy persons, mostly seamen and their families. A Sunday School was also formed, scholars about forty, taught by your missionary and five teachers, the attendance of the school was regular. During the time of occupying this room not much was accomplished, owing perhaps to the disagreeable location and the constant interruption to the service of the church, from the noise in the street; but still, your missionary is able to report, that

some poor wandering sinners were, as he trusts, reclaimed from the error of their ways, and found that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Thirty communicants were added to the church, and we had great reason to thank God and take courage.

On the first day of November a house was leased for one year in Esplanade street, and the lower story fitted up for a chapel very neatly, capable of containing two hundred and fifty persons. This chapel was opened for divine service on the 15th day of November, and since that time divine service has been regularly held three times in each Sunday, and on Friday evenings of each week, and the present prospects are encouraging to every lover of Christ and his church. The attendance on divine service is large, and has increased more than four fold, so that very frequently the house is so crowded with hearers, that many for the want of room have gone away from the doors without hearing the blessed gospel of the son of God, and of enjoying the precious ordinances of God's house. Much interest in the mission is felt not only in this city, but also among the ship owners and masters of ships, five of whom are regular communicants of the church. A small organ has been furnished the chapel, which was sent free of freight in Holmes' line of packet ships from New York, with a donation of twenty dollars, from John Wm. Nelson, the agent of this line in New York city. The chapel has also been presented with a beautiful bethel flag by our good bishop, also by Capt. Charles C. Berry, of ship 'Silas Holmes,' a splendid communion service. By the Rev. Mr. Diller, of Brooklyn, through Captain William C. Berry, a communion table; also, by Mr. Greenleaf, a valuable Sunday School library, of one hundred volumes; and a smaller Sunday School library, by Captain Charles C. Berry. And your missionary is now, by the blessing of God, enabled to report since the opening of the mission—

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| Baptized—33 children, 4 adults, total,                               | 37 |
| Communicants—Added 64, died 4, removed 3, present number,            | 57 |
| Confirmations,                                                       | 8  |
| Marriages,                                                           | 24 |
| Funerals,                                                            | 39 |
| Sunday School—Scholars,                                              | 45 |
| “ “ Teachers,                                                        | 7  |
| Distributed gratis and sold to seamen, 96 copies of the Holy Bible ; |    |
| 109 English Protestant ; 14 German ; 4 Spanish ; 5 Danish ; 16       |    |
| French ; and 2 Italian ; also, 15,000 pages of Tracts, entirely      |    |
| among the seamen ; also, 47 Manuals of Prayer, and 31 books          |    |
| of Common Prayer.                                                    |    |

Visited every week more or less of the ships, and among the poor, both of land and sea, baptizing some and administering the holy

communion at different times to thirteen persons, who were found among them sick and penitent, and who afterwards died, as we trust in holy triumph through faith in Christ, and in communion with his holy apostolic church. A pious seaman is employed by the Young Men's Missionary Society in this place, to sustain the bethel operations to the seamen, whose business it is to circulate among the seamen the Holy Bible and religious books of the church, and to assist the missionary to look up the destitute and needy, that they may be relieved and invited to the house of God, to hear that gospel, the crowning glory of which is, that it is preached to the poor.

CHARLES W. WHITALL, Chaplain to  
Seamen of New Orleans, Pastor of the third Mission Station.

#### REPORT OF THE REV. R. H. RANNEY.

(Officiating pro tempore in the city of Lafayette.)

Since my last report in 1845, I have spent most of my time in a visit to the north, and officiated in my travels as opportunities were presented. In all read service 114 times, and preached 124 sermons. I have admitted into the church by

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| Baptism—Adults 3, and 1 infant, | 4 |
| Communicants—Admitted new,      | 6 |
| Married—One couple,             | 1 |
| Buried—3 adults and 3 infants,  | 6 |

I have officiated five times in Lafayette, where I commenced stated services last month, at a small room on Washington avenue, at the corner of Laurel street. The attendance is small, but sufficiently encouraging to induce us to persevere, provided the means of support can be obtained. At present we can ask nothing of the congregation.

Next Sunday I expect that children from several different families will be presented for baptism. Our Sunday School has been opened three Sundays, and we have eighteen children in attendance.

R. H. RANNEY.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHEs, AND ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA.

The undersigned reports the following since last Convention :

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Children 35, adults 2, total,                      | 37 |
| Confirmations—White 3, colored 21,                          | 24 |
| Communicants—At last report 46, lost, by removal 1, new 19, | 64 |
| “ lost, by removal 6, death 2, present number,              | 58 |
| Marriages,                                                  | 3  |



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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Burials, . . . . .                                                                                          | 9  |
| Sunday Scholars, . . . . .                                                                                  | 20 |
| Of the communicants—14 whites belong to Alexandria, 11 whites<br>belong to Natchitoches, 33 colored do. do. |    |

Services are held at various points in the neighborhood, embracing a district of over one hundred miles in extent. At Alexandria, measures have been taken for the erection of a church edifice, with a good prospect of success. A resident clergyman is much needed there.

Contributions to Diocesan Mission \$5, Episcopal fund 5, Convention fund 10, . . . . . \$20

E. GUION, Jr.,

Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, COVINGTON.

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| Baptisms—Adults 2, children 5, total, . . . . . | 7  |
| Marriages, . . . . .                            | 4  |
| Burials, . . . . .                              | 3  |
| Confirmed, . . . . .                            | 4  |
| Communicants, . . . . .                         | 10 |
| Sunday School Scholars, . . . . .               | 25 |

The undersigned feels cause for devout thankfulness to the Father of mercies, for the blessings which He has graciously bestowed on this infant Parish.

W. PECK.

APRIL 14th, 1847.

During the present ecclesiastical year, I officiated in the Parish of West Feliciana as missionary and teacher until January, and then took charge of a large colored congregation on a plantation near Thibodeauxville on the Lafourche.

To this congregation I have preached regularly until now, and have also taught by oral instruction a Sunday School, comprising upwards of fifty colored children; the facility with which they receive this instruction is very encouraging. The results of these labors thus far are such as justly to inspire many expectations of future good, and are expected to be continued. The proprietor of this colored congregation has it in contemplation to erect this season, a suitable building for their public worship, and it is hoped that it will be seen that on a plantation under gospel principles, reasonable labor may be obtained without severity, because for the most part voluntarily.

Four marriages have been celebrated. I have attended one

funeral, have baptized twenty-seven children and thirteen adults, making in all forty. There are forty communicants, thirty of whom have been added during my charge.

SPENCER WALL.

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REV. CHARLES FAY, MISSIONARY IN NEW ORLEANS.

Since the Convention of 1846, up to the middle of February last, I have acted as a Missionary in the city of New Orleans, and preached regularly every Sunday.

For the current year I report the following ministerial acts :

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| Baptisms—Adults 3, children, white 17, children, colored 1, total, | 21 |
| Marriages—White 7, colored 2,                                      | 9  |
| Burials,                                                           | 9  |

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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :*

After invoking your recognition of the divine goodness, in mercy to us as a church, since we last assembled, and beseeching the blessing of Almighty God, in our present work, I proceed to lay before you, in pursuance of the Canons, an account of my episcopal services, during the last Conventional year.

After presenting my report to the last Convention, I confirmed in St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge, seven persons.

On the Sunday following the meeting of the Convention, I preached in St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, in the morning, and confirmed two persons. I preached in the same church, in the afternoon, and confirmed eleven others.

I preached on the 1st of May, Friday, in Grace Church, St. Francisville, and also on Sunday, the 3d, in the same Church ; at which time I confirmed sixteen persons in the morning ; and preached in the afternoon, in the same church, and confirmed six others.

Wednesday and Thursday of the week following, were occupied in visiting a number of families in the upper part of the Parish of

West Feliciana, more or less attached to the church ; among whom it is believed, under the care of a competent clergyman, a highly respectable congregation may be collected.

On Friday, the 8th, I visited the Southern Institute, at Jackson, under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Lacy, who has under his charge, quite a number of young ladies, most of whom are daughters of the church. This school is one of those, which it will be remembered the Convention has recognized as Diocesan Institutions, and commended to the special patronage of churchmen in the diocese, for the education of the youth of our communion. The time I was enabled to devote to that visitation, did not allow of my doing more than examine specimens of drawing, and painting, executed by the young ladies to be present at an exhibition of their proficiency in music, and to examine them on the elements of christian knowledge, as set forth in our catechism and formulas. It was a matter of regret, that I could not have had them examined in all of the other branches embraced in their liberal course of instruction, adopted in that institution ; but from the indications of excellence manifested in the execution of the pupils in the higher arts, and their promptness and intelligence, when examined upon the foundation of our faith, as well as the obvious mental improvements generally of those whom I had known to have been some time connected with the school, I feel warranted in commending it strongly to all lovers of sound order, and high mental and moral culture.

On Sunday, 10th May, I preached in the Chapel of the College of Louisiana, and administered the rite of confirmation to seven of the pupils of the Southern Institute, who were presented as the first fruits of that nursery of the Church.

The further prosecution of my spring visitation, was here interrupted by an attack of fever, which made it expedient for me in the course of the summer to be absent from the diocese for several months.

On my return in October, I took charge of St. John's Church, Lafourche Interior, made vacant by the resignation of the late Rector, and officiated in that Parish, until it was taken charge of by the present incumbent.

On the 22nd November, I admitted Mr. Charles W. Whitall, to the order of Deacons ; and on Wednesday, 25th, I admitted him to the order of the Priesthood.

On the first of January, I celebrated three marriages.

On Sexagesima Sunday, I officiated in St. John's, Thibodeaux,

and administered the holy communion. On Quinquagesima Sunday, I admitted Mr. William Nicholson, to the order of Deacons, in St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

On the third Sunday in lent, I preached in the morning and afternoon, in the Parish of St. Marys, in Franklin ; the Rev. Mr. Litton, reading service.

This is a new Parish, organized about the time of the meeting of our last Convention, and promises to be one of the most flourishing congregations in the diocese ; an adequate amount has been subscribed by the parish, for the erection of a church edifice ; to the accomplishment of which, they are to proceed without delay.

On the 4th Sunday in lent, I visited the Parish of St. James', Alexandria, and while there I preached and confirmed three persons, and administered the holy communion.

The friends of the church, in this parish, I was glad to perceive, are unusually alive to the importance of securing the exclusive services of a parochial minister ; (they are now served occasionally by the clergymen at Natchitoches.) An adequate amount of funds, for the erection of a church edifice, has been secured, and we have good hope, that upon our next visitation, we shall find them in their own house, and in the enjoyment of the ministrations of a settled pastor.

On the 5th Sunday in lent, I preached in Trinity Church, Natchitoches, in the morning, and after the service catechized the children of the parish.

I also preached in the afternoon, and administered the right of confirmation to twenty-one persons ; I preached in the same church also at night.

On Friday, 26th March, I preached at Ellenwood, in the parish of Caddo, and confirmed two persons.

On Saturday morning, the 27th, I baptized an infant, in the same parish.

On the Sunday following, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Shreveport ; in the morning and afternoon ; and at night after service, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Guion, I confirmed 3 persons.

On Easter day, I preached in the morning, in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, and administered the rite of confirmation to nine persons ; in the afternoon of the same day, I addressed a colored congregation, in the same parish.

On the Sunday after Easter, I preached in Covington, in the parish of S. Tammany, in the morning, and consecrated a newly erected house of worship, by the name of Christ Church ; after the ser-

vices of the morning, I administered the rite of confirmation to four persons.

With regard to this Church, I feel it a duty to take more than a passing notice ; we are indebted for its conception and erection to a few individuals, in moderate circumstances in life, who have received in the furtherance of their work, little or no assistance beyond the contributions of their own village. In less than a twelvemonth, under the influences of an intelligent application of the pious principles of the church of their fathers, and under the promptings of that love for God and their own souls, which leads to the ready surrender of whatever is necessary for the promotion of his glory, and their own salvation, these brethren have caused to be erected, and completely furnished one of the neatest country churches belonging to the diocese ; with accommodations sufficiently ample for the present population, and have presented it for consecration, well nigh free of debt. It is in their contemplation also to construct a parsonage, for the accommodation of the Rector, in the ensuing fall ; a purpose for the fulfilment of which, we have an ample guarantee in the promptness and energy with which they have erected a temple to the living God. May they enjoy abundantly the fruit of their own labours and see the work of the Lord prospering in their hands.

I have since the last Convention, visited all the parishes in the diocese in which we have ministers officiating, with one exception of that at Lake Providence, which was visited for me by my esteemed brother, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Otey, provisional Bishop of Mississippi ; and have also visited many others, where yet we have no settled clergymen, in all of which, with one exception, I have performed episcopal acts. The confirmations for the year in the city parishes, it is expected will be held during the session of the Convention.

I have held twelve confirmations during the year, in the country, with two confirmations at Lake Providence, of two persons by Bishop Otey, at which there have been ninety three persons confirmed.

I have also held three ordinations, at which I have ordained two deacons, and one priest. I have consecrated one Church, and have preached, or performed one or more of the offices of the Church every Sunday ; and many services during the week, as occasion offered, or my health allowed.

The candidates for orders, at the last Convention, were three, Mr. C. A. Whitall, Mr. Fred'k Dean, and Mr. W. C. Stout ; since that meeting, two others, Mr. Wm. Nicholson, and Mr. John

Benson, have been admitted candidates ; of these, Mr. Nicholson, under the canon, regulating the admission of applicants for orders, being ministers in other denominations, has been ordained Deacon ; as also Mr. Wm. Whitall, under the same canon. Both these gentlemen are labouring acceptably in New Orleans. Their ordinations, leave us only three on the list of candidates.

And here I cannot but impress upon my brethern of the clergy, the imperative duty of seeking out from among the young, and others of their congregation, those who may promise usefulness to the church, in the work of the ministry.

The chief difficulty in the spread of the gospel, among us arises from the want of laborers, adapted by their knowledge of the usages of our social condition, and their habituation and inclination to labor effectually in the Southern Diocese.

Though while it is true that most of those who are now labouring with success in the various parishes are not natives of the soil, yet they will be among the first to allow, that their own experience confirms the propriety of the suggestion I have made. It should be the duty of us all to make conscience of this great obligation ; to rear up a native ministry, and I beg leave to press it respectfully but urgently upon the attention and efforts of my clerical and other brethern.

I have received into the diocese, the Rev. Alexander McLeod, and the Rev. Wiley Peck, and the Rev. John Sandels, on letters dismissory from the diocese of Ohio, Mississippi, and Tennessee respectively ; the first of whom is labouring in the parish of Carrol, at Lake Providence ; the second is settled in Christ Church, Covington, and the last in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux. I have also transferred the Rev. David Kerr, to the diocese of Mississippi.

The only other change in the field of labour, of the clergy, is that of the Rev. Mr. Fay, who has resigned his missionary station in the city, to the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, with the view of taking a position higher up in the city ; and that of the Rev. Mr. Wall, who has taken charge of a colored congregation in the Lafourche.

It gives me pleasure to state, that the Bethel for seamen, established during the last year, and of which, the Rev. Mr. Whitall has been the regular minister, is fully realizing the most sanguine expectations of its founders. It will be remembered by the convention, that this charity is supported exclusively, by the enterprise and liberal benefactions of an association of young men, belonging to our

city congregations, whose purity and zeal are carrying the blessings of the gospel to multitudes of the neglected seamen, and there little ones.

I have again to call the attention of the diocese, to the importance of increasing the amount of our contributors for diocesan missions. I am well aware that our city parishes are doing a good work, in the efficient measures they have adopted for extending the privileges of the gospel in New Orleans, but in attending to those who are nearest them, they must not forget that "*the field is the world,*" and that great as the spiritual destitution immediately around them is, it cannot be greater than in many parts of the country districts in the diocese, which are extending their hands to their more favored brethren for that aid, which if promptly and liberally bestowed now, will enable them in a few years to restore the gift four-fold. I would urge the duty of making this object one of the first importance in the estimation of every member of the diocese, whether in city or country, in as much as besides the duty of imparting freely of that which we have so freely received *especially to the household of faith*, we shall by neglecting its performance now, lay up for ourselves an increasing amount of future labor, by suffering our adversaries to get possession of ground, which is at present inviting our labors and offering itself to our acceptance.

It is upon our brethren of the laity we rely, and to them I would now address our earnest appeal in behalf of this object. It is not that we ask you to part with your substance for distant heathen regions, solitary and benighted as they may be, and pathetically as their destitution and degradation may appear to us, but we are called upon to aid in the spread of the gospel of truth and peace, among our own brethren, bone of our own bone, and flesh of our own flesh, dispersed abroad, around and near us, and who, either by reason of their poverty, in consequence of their ruinous habits of indifference and negligence, superinduced by a perfect destitution of means of grace, have lapsed into a spiritual blindness, grievously corroding their present peace, and fearfully jeopardizing their everlasting salvation.

By our duty then, brethren, to our common country, the purity and perpetuation of whose institutions, depend under God, wholly on the cultivation of the moral sense of the people, and the strengthening and invigoration of the public conscience; but above all, by the perishing condition of those of our fellow men, for whose spiritual condition, we are, as a church, held solemnly and especially responsible before God; I would respectfully, but earnestly press the

duty of adopting some measures for drawing out the resources of our diocese, and of addressing ourselves vigorously to the task of extending the work of the gospel within our own borders.

## Reports of the Committees.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

APRIL 16th, 1847.

The Convention met according to adjournment at 9 o'clock this morning, when the Rev. Mr. C. T. Hedges, of the Diocese of Missouri, and the Rev. Mr. Giles, from the Diocese of Mississippi, appeared in Convention and took their seats as honorary members.

Parochial reports from St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, Rev. Mr. Sandels, from Rev. Mr. Fay, Missionary in New Orleans, and the Rev. Roderick Ranney, Missionary in the city of Lafayette were read.

It was then reported that Canon 3d be amended by the addition of the following words: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to have the journals published and ready for distribution within sixty days after the adjournment of the Convention, and the delegates from each Parish are required to furnish the Secretary with written directions, how and where to transmit their respective copies, and no Parish shall be entitled to receive the journals unless the amount required by the Canon shall have been paid.

The Education Committee made their Report as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education, beg leave respectfully to report, that since their last report, the cause which has been confided to their oversight has not lost ground in Louisiana, but on the contrary has, as they trust, made some further progress. And first, of the Diocesan Schools. "The Southern Institution for Young Ladies," at Jackson, under the direction and exclusive control of the Rev. Dr. Lacy, is advancing in usefulness with steady steps. The Bishop has borne testimony to its worth in his annual address to this Convention; and the following extract from the report of its Rector,



exhibits the evidence of its onward progress. (See report of Dr. Lacy.) The course of instruction is very thorough, while the charges of the school are moderate.

Of the school for boys at East Baton Rouge, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Burke, your committee are happy to say that it also is advancing, and they cannot doubt that perseverance and fidelity, such as have hitherto characterized the labors both of Dr. Lacy and Mr. Burke, must in due time insure the successful accomplishment of all that the best friends of these Diocesan Schools desire. The following extract from the report of Mr. Burke, is presented by your committee to the notice of the Convention and the church. (See Burke's report.)

In New Orleans, the efforts of the clergy have very much advanced the cause of education since the last years' report. A female seminary, consisting of between fifty and sixty pupils, (several of whom are from a distance and residents at the school,) is in successful operation. Large and commodious buildings have been procured, in an airy and retired situation, and the course of instruction is very extensive and thorough. This institution, subject to the general supervision of Dr. Hawks, is under the immediate control of Mr. and Mrs. Van Nooten, with competent assistants, among whom your committee finds with pleasure the name of a lady, who in addition to her long experience and well earned reputation as a teacher, adds to her claims on our regard by being the daughter of one of our deceased clergymen, who was among the earliest laborers in our diocese, the Rev. Dr. Hull, for many years Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.

A boys' school has also been established in the city. This is under the joint care of the Rev. Mr. Fay and Mr. Hare, and though but young, your committee deem it already an important auxiliary; it numbers 45 pupils. Both these schools are under the general patronage of the city clergy of the church, and take the place of all other parochial schools.

From Natchitoches, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Guion, the committee have the following report:

**REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHES, TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Of the two schools reported last year, one has been discontinued in consequence of the removal of the teacher.

The one conducted by Mr. Guion is still in operation, under favor-

able circumstances. The number is limited to twelve. It can, however, scarcely be called a church institution, as no direct religious instruction is given. A portion of the pupils not being of our faith, and the school having been established mainly with a view of obtaining a pecuniary support for the Rector's family, in a place where the Protestants are too few in number to maintain a minister, unaided by other resources.

E. GUION, JR.

At St. Francisville the committee are not aware of any change since their last report, except that ground has been procured for the erection of a parochial school house, and the house will be erected.

At West Baton Rouge, Mr. Lamon informs the committee that his efforts have been as yet unsuccessful, but are still continued to procure a teacher.

As a summary of the whole, your committee state that all the clergy of New Orleans (six in number,) are endeavoring to further the cause, and one of their body (Mr. Fay) is directly employed in the work of education; while in the country, five of the clergy (as far as the committee are informed) are also more or less engaged in promoting the same end. This shows a result of considerably more than one half the parochial clergy exerting themselves to establish and sustain schools. It is much to be desired that every clergyman having charge of a congregation, should endeavor, as fast as circumstances will permit, to found his parochial school. Your committee however is well aware that this work must be gradual, owing to the peculiarity of our situation, and to facts similar to those stated in the report of the Rev. Mr. Guion; they trust however that the accomplishment of this most desirable end will be kept steadily in view.

Your committee was authorized by a vote of the last Convention to act in connexion with the Bishop in making an effort to establish an EDUCATION FUND. The want of a suitable agent however has obliged them to pause, but they still hope to carry on the work, as the measure is one of primary importance. All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,  
A. H. LAMON,  
THOMAS SLOO,

D. S. LEWIS,  
IRA SMITH,  
JOHN L. LOBDELL.

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#### REPORT OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Diocesan Missionary Committee respectfully report, that according to the instructions embraced in the resolution of the last Convention, they addressed a letter to each clergyman in the diocese having charge of a Parish, and urged upon each the necessity,

duty and privilege of taking up a collection on some convenient Sunday, in aid of Diocesan Missions.

They regard this field of missionary enterprise as one of the most important and encouraging, appealing directly and powerfully to the liberality, faith and prayer of every christian who will contemplate it. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few. Five efficient missionaries, they are informed by the Bishop, could be immediately located in eligible situations in the country. But where are the funds to support them for a little season?

The committee feel constrained, in closing their report, respectfully to remind their brethren, clerical and lay members of this Convention, that the time has arrived, in their opinion, when we shall prove deplorably recreant in our duty to God and the souls of our perishing fellow sinners, if we permit Diocesan Missions to be set aside from year to year, with the mere expression of good wishes, or the mere formal passage of a resolution.

The Lord save us alike from indifference and from the condemnation of slothful servants in this matter.

N. O. PRESTON, Chairman.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Litton, for his sermon preached at the opening of the Convention, and to the Rev. Mr. Fay, for his sermon on Education, preached on Thursday, 15th April, 1847, to the Convention.

Mr. P. M. Ozanne then submitted a proposition to amend the 1st Canon, by requiring that none but members of the church and communicants be eligible for the office of Lay Delegates to the State or General Convention, and every vestry shall have at least two-thirds of its members communicants, including the Wardens; which proposition was received and laid over for the action of the next Convention, according to the requirements of the Constitution.

Rev. Mr. Guion submitted a proposition, that the 8th Article of the Constitution be altered and amended, so as to insert after the word proposed, "and received;" which proposition was received and laid over for the action of the next Convention, according to the requirements of the Constitution.

The Rev. Dr. Hawks and Mr. Sloo were appointed a committee to assess the different Parishes for the traveling expenses of the Bishop for the year 1847, and after consultation, said committee reported the following assessments, viz: Christ Church, New Orleans, \$100; St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, \$50; Grace Church St. Francisville, \$35; St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, \$35; St John's

Church, Smithville, West Baton Rouge, \$25; Church of Annunciation, New Orleans, \$25; St James' Church, Baton Rouge, \$15; St. Mary's Church, Franklin, \$10; Trinity Church, Natchitoches, \$5; St James' Church, Alexandria, \$5; and Christ Church, Covington, \$5. When, on motion, the foregoing assessments were adopted, and the Rectors or Vestrys of said churches required to pay over their respective assessments to the treasurer without delay.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby given to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Church of the Annunciation, and also to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, New Orleans, for the use of their respective churches, and for the kindness and hospitality with which the members of this Convention have been received by them, and the members of their respective congregations. After which, the Convention adjourned sine die, after the usual religious exercises.

LEONIDAS POLK,

President of the Convention and Bishop of the Diocese.

Attest: JOHN L. LOBDELL, Secretary.

#### AMOUNT OF DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

1846. In the hands of the committee, as per report 3d April, 1845, \$161 75

1847, April 16. In the hands of the committee, as paid by Grace

|                                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| Church, St. Francisville,                   | 96 00 |
| Collected by St. Mary's Church, Franklin, . | 16 40 |
| " " " " Trinity Church, Natchitoches, .     | 5 00  |

The following Churches have not taken up contributions for this fund, in conformity with the Canon :

|                                          | 1844. | 1845. | 1846. |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge,          | "     | "     | "     |
| St. John's " Smithville, W. Baton Rouge, | "     | "     | "     |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux,                 | "     | "     | "     |
| Mary's " Bayou Goula,                    | "     | "     | "     |
| Christ " New Orleans,                    | "     | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's " New Orleans,                | "     | "     | "     |
| Church of Annunciation, New Orleans,     | "     | "     | "     |
| St. James' Church, Alexandria,           | "     | "     | "     |
| Trinity " Natchitoches,                  | "     | "     | "     |

#### AMOUNT OF FUND TO AID SUPERANUATED MINISTERS, THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN.

1847, April 14. To amount in hand of Treasurer from St.

John's Church, West Baton Rouge, \$15

" " " " amount in hand of Treasurer from Grace Church, St. Francisville, 84—\$99 00

The following Churches have not taken up contributions for this fund, viz :

|                                 |       |      |
|---------------------------------|-------|------|
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, | 1845. | 1846 |
| St. John's " West Baton Rouge,  | "     | "    |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux,        | "     | "    |

## AMOUNT OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

|                   |                 |       |       |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| St Mary's Church, | Bayou Goula,    | 1845. | 1846. |
| Annunciation      | " New Orleans,  | "     | "     |
| Christ            | " New Orleans,  | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's        | " New Orleans,  | "     | "     |
| Trinity           | " Natchitoches, | "     | "     |
| St. James'        | " Alexandria,   | "     | "     |

## AMOUNT OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

Amount received by Treasurers, collections for 1846 from Trinity Church, Natchitoches, . . . . . \$5 00

The following Churches have not taken up contributions or paid any thing on account of this fund, viz :

|                   |                     |       |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| St James' Church, | Baton Rouge,        | 1846. |
| St. John's        | " West Baton Rouge, | "     |
| Grace,            | " St. Francisville, | "     |
| St. John's        | " Thibodeaux,       | "     |
| St. Mary's        | " Bayou Goula,      | "     |
| Annunciation      | " New Orleans,      | "     |
| St. Paul's        | " New Orleans,      | "     |
| Christ            | " New Orleans,      | "     |
| St. James'        | " Alexandria,       | "     |

## OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.,

President ex-officio, near Thibodeaux, Parish Lafourche Interior.

JOHN L. LOBDELL,

Secretary and Treasurer, Parish West Baton Rouge, Post Office, Lobdell's Store.

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Hon. THOMAS BUTLER, |
| " " LACY,       | Mr. THOMAS SLOO,    |
| " Mr. GOODRICH, | L. C. DUNCAN, Esq.  |

## DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

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|-----------------|----------------------|
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| " Mr. PRESTON,  | Dr. IRA SMITH,       |
| " " LEWIS,      | L. C. DUNCAN, Esq.   |
| " " GOODRICH,   | Mr. JOHN L. LOBDELL. |

## DIOCESAN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

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| " " GOODRICH,     | " F. SOUTHMAYD,     |
| " " LEWIS,        | Hon. THOMAS BUTLER. |

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

|                 |                   |
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| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Hon. G. S. GUION, |
| " " LACY,       | " CHARLES WATTS,  |
| " Mr. FAY,      | Mr. P. M. OZANNE, |
| " " NICHOLSON.  | " THOMAS SLOO.    |

## COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN INCORPORATIONS FOR TRUST FUNDS.

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Hon. THOMAS BUTLER,   | L. C. DUNCAN, Esq. |
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## TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
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## APPENDIX.

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### Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

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#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

#### ARTICLE II.

The annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; or, in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each Convention, and shall continue in office till the next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop, when in his judgment the good of the Church shall require it; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both clergymen and laymen. All ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who shall have officiated six months in some Parish in the State; Clerical Instructors of youth, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, who have been resident in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three lay delegates; and if it consists of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether clerical or lay, from one-half of the

Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ARTICLE IV.

The clergy and the laity shall deliberate in one body, in all cases not hereinafter provided for ; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide, the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

ARTICLE V.

A Standing Committee, to consist of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention ; any three of whom, always including one clerical member, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business ; except for such purposes as, by the Canon of the General Convention, shall require a larger number.

ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner : at least four weeks before the Convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the clergy and laity shall vote separately ; the clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person for that office : Whereupon such choice shall be communicated to the lay delegates ; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

ARTICLE VII.

Delegates to the General Convention shall be appointed, and shall continue in office during the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention ; but in case of vacancy by death or resignation, a substitute or substitutes may be appointed by the Bishop ; or if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Constitution shall not be subject to alteration, except at the annual meeting of the Convention ; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting.

# Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

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## CANON I.

### OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

The mode of organizing a new Parish shall be as follows :—The friends of the Church, being duly convened, shall choose two Wardens, and not less than five Vestrymen, and also a Parish Clerk. To entitle such new Parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, they shall pass a resolution declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also of the Diocese of Louisiana ; a copy of which resolutions, with the proceedings of the meeting, certified by the Clerk, shall be laid before the Convention.

## CANON II.

### OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk, shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday ; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who contribute annually to the support of the ministry, shall be entitled to vote.

## CANON III.

### OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every Parish, to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually, and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Standing Committee to pay for publishing the Journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each Parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the Journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention shall contain a statement of the sums received, the Parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended.



## C A N O N   I V .

## OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Every Minister shall keep a register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The Record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors ; the name of the adult baptized ; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry ; and in case of a vacancy, by the senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the Minister, to present to the annual Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals within his cure ; together with the number of Communicants ; distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the Parish.

## C A N O N   V .

## OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing a President and Secretary ; the latter of whom shall keep a record of all its transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President ; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

## C A N O N   V I .

## OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper : and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of the vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

## Resolutions Passed in the Convention.

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The Bishop of the Diocese is authorized to admit to deacon's orders, under Canon 6th of the General Convention of 1844, such persons as may apply for the same, and shall, to his satisfaction and to that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, comply with the requirements of the said 6th Canon.

There shall be a Board of Education of five or more persons, annually chosen by the Convention, of which Board the Bishop of the Diocese shall always be ex-officio chairman, and to this Board shall be confided the supervision of the work of Education in the church.

The Board shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of holding the Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on the interests of Education, and shall present to the Convention a report of the state of the schools connected with the church in this Diocese. At every such annual meeting, the Board shall cause a sermon or address to be delivered on the subject of Education, the preacher or speaker having been appointed at least three months previously.

Any of the parochial clergy may proceed to the formation of parochial or other schools, if they deem it expedient, reporting their proceedings therein to the Board of Education, to be laid before the next Convention, subject to the controlling action of that body.

Teachers to parochial schools shall be chosen by the Board of Education, upon the nomination of the Bishop, and shall be removable by the Board with the approbation of the Bishop. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Board shall have power to act alone in appointments and removals.

The Bishop shall be ex-officio visitor of all schools in the Diocese that are connected with the church. He shall also prescribe the religious services to be used in said schools, and together with the Board designate the books to be studied on all matters appertaining to the doctrine, ritual and government of the church.

Whenever an individual is desirous of establishing a private literary institution in this Diocese, under the direction of the church, he

shall make his desire known to the Bishop, who on being satisfied with his or her qualifications, and with the locality of the proposed school, shall license him or her, and shall appoint three discreet Episcopalians as visitors of the establishment. It shall be the duty of such visitors to visit the school at least once a quarter, and examine the pupils and government thereof. They shall report to the Board of Education at each annual Convention, and to the Bishop oftener, if necessary, the true condition of the school, and endeavor generally to promote its true interests and efficiency.

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VI. After the daily morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows :

1. The reading, correcting, and approving of the Minutes of the preceding day.
2. Calling the names of absent members, and entering on the journal those who appear.
3. Reports from the various Committees.
4. Motions. Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business.

VII. The Bishop's Address shall be in order at any time.

VIII. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

IX. No motion shall be put or debated, unless it is seconded ; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, when required by the President, or any member.

X. If the question in debate contain several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

XI. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to postpone it indefinitely ; to postpone it to a certain time ; to lay it on the table ; to commit it, or amend it ; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. But a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate ; and if it be negatived, it shall not be renewed until some new business has intervened.

XII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

XIII. On a question being put by the President, it shall be determined by the sound of the voices, for or against it ; but any member may require a count of the votes, and tellers for that purpose shall be appointed by the Chair ; or any three votes may, previous to a decision by counts, require the ayes and noes to be taken, which shall be done by calling clerical members and the churches represented, and the vote shall be entered on the journal.

XIV. Any five votes may require the ayes and noes, to be taken by orders, and when so taken they shall be entered on the minutes.

XV. No member may speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

XVI. A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the votes of the Convention, nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on a prior decision : nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

**XVII.** All special Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot.

**XVIII.** No standing rule or order shall be suspended, changed, or rescinded, without one day's previous notice of a motion to that effect, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the persons present entitled to vote.

**XIX.** Before the final adjournment of any session of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved.

# SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—April 16th, 1847.

| CHURCHES.                              | PARISHES.                       | MINISTERS.                | Baptisms   |             |           |             | Communicants. |          |           |           | Funerals.... | Sunday Schools |           | Contributions for Church purposes.... | REMARKS. |                         |          |                           |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                        |                                 |                           | Adults.... | Infants.... | White.... | Colored.... | Confirmed.    | Died.... | Removed.. | White.... |              | Colored....    | Whole No. |                                       |          | Teachers                | Scholars |                           |
| St. James' Church,.....                | E. Baton Rouge,.....            | John Burke,.....          | 2          | 9           | 11        | 7           | 7             | .....    | .....     | .....     | 23           | 3              | 2         | 51                                    | \$650 25 | His school flourishing. |          |                           |
| St. John's Church,.....                | W. Baton Rouge,.....            | A. H. Lamon,.....         | 4          | 4           | 4         | 10          | 12            | 4        | 4         | 8         | 17           | 56             | 73        | 4                                     | 5        | 4                       | 24       | 170 00                    |
| Grace Church,.....                     | West Feliciana,.....            | D. S. Lewis,.....         | 7          | 7           | 13        | 22          | 3             | 4        | 27        | .....     | 27           | 8              | 15        | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | 176 00                    |
| Southern Institute,.....               | East Feliciana,.....            | Dr. W. B. Lacey,.....     | .....      | .....       | .....     | .....       | .....         | .....    | .....     | .....     | .....        | .....          | .....     | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | School highly prosperous. |
| St. John's Church,.....                | Lafourche Int.,.....            | John O. Sandels,.....     | 1          | 1           | 27        | 9           | 4             | 10       | 2         | 21        | .....        | 2              | 9         | 41                                    | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| St. Mary's Church,.....                | St. Mary's,.....                | Samuel G. Litton,.....    | 5          | 5           | .....     | .....       | .....         | .....    | .....     | 8         | .....        | 8              | 4         | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | 206 40                    |
| Annunciation Church,.....              | New Orleans,.....               | N. O. Preston,.....       | 2          | 23          | 25        | 11          | 19            | 33       | .....     | 70        | .....        | 8              | 13        | 15                                    | 134      | .....                   | .....    | 1,063 00                  |
| Christ Church,.....                    | .....                           | F. L. Hawks, D. D.,.....  | 5          | 22          | 27        | .....       | .....         | .....    | .....     | 305       | .....        | 19             | 16        | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| St. Paul's Church,.....                | .....                           | Charles Goodrich,.....    | 3          | 42          | 45        | 5           | 1             | 20       | 90        | 102       | 21           | 16             | 25        | 222                                   | .....    | .....                   | .....    | 660 00                    |
| Missionary Station, Carondelet street. | .....                           | Wm. B. Nicholson,.....    | .....      | .....       | .....     | .....       | .....         | .....    | .....     | 25        | 1            | .....          | .....     | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Missionary " Bethel, Old Levee-st.     | .....                           | Charles W. Whittall,..... | 4          | 33          | 37        | 8           | 4             | 3        | 14        | .....     | 57           | 37             | 37        | 7                                     | 45       | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Missionary,.....                       | .....                           | Charles Fay,.....         | 3          | 17          | 20        | 1           | .....         | .....    | .....     | .....     | 9            | 9              | .....     | .....                                 | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Missionary,.....                       | Lafayette City,.....            | Roderick Ranney,.....     | 3          | 1           | 4         | .....       | .....         | .....    | 6         | .....     | 1            | 6              | 1         | 14                                    | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Trinity Church,.....                   | Natchitoches }<br>Rapides,..... | E. Galon,.....            | 9          | 25          | 37        | .....       | 24            | 2        | 6         | 20        | 2            | 25             | 3         | 9                                     | 1        | 20                      | .....    | 90 00                     |
| St. James' Church,.....                | .....                           | Wiley Peck,.....          | 9          | 5           | 7         | 4           | .....         | .....    | .....     | 10        | 4            | 2              | 1         | 25                                    | .....    | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Christ Church,.....                    | St. Tammany,.....               | Spencer Wall,.....        | 13         | 27          | 40        | .....       | .....         | .....    | 13        | 40        | 40           | 4              | 1         | 1                                     | 51       | .....                   | .....    | .....                     |
| Missionary Church,.....                | Lafourche Int.,.....            | .....                     | 43         | 231         | 250       | 94          | 171           | 14       | 28        | 130       | 231          | 794            | 117       | 128                                   | 71       | 625                     | .....    | \$3,164 65                |

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# ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA,

5th May, 1848.

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- The Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.  
Bishop of the Diocese, residing near Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE,  
Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge.
- Rev. CHARLES P. CLARKE,  
Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, city of Lafayette.
- Rev. FREDERICK DEAN,  
Minister of St. Peters' Church, and Missionary in the Parish of Point Coupée, Morgansia.
- Rev. CHARLES FAY,  
Missionary in New Orleans.
- Rev. JAMES A. FOX,  
President of Jefferson College, State of Mississippi.
- Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH,  
Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. E. GUION,  
Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches, Parish of Natchitoches.
- Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D., L. L. D.  
Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. CHAPLIN S. HEDGES,  
Minister of Grace Church, Munroe, Parish of Ouachita.
- Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D.  
Rector of Southern Institute for Young Ladies, Jackson, Parish of East Feliciana.
- Rev. ARCHIBALD H. LAMON,  
Rector of St. John's Church, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS,  
Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana.
- Rev. SAMUEL G. LITTON,  
Rector of St. Mary's Church, Franklin, Parish of St. Mary.
- Rev. WILLIAM JOHN LYNDE,  
Rector of Christ Church, Covington, Parish of St. Tammany.
- Rev. ALEXANDER McLEOD,  
Officiating at Lake Washington, State of Mississippi.
- Rev. AMOS D. McCOY,  
Rector of St. James' Church, Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.
- Rev. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON,  
Rector of Grace Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. THOMAS D. OZANNE,  
Minister of Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans.
- Rev. N. O. PRESTON,  
Rector of the Church of Annunciation, New Orleans.
- Rev. RODERICK RANNEY,  
Missionary to the Pilots and their families, Balize, Parish of Plaquemines.
- Rev. JOHN SANDALS,  
Rector of St. John's Parish, Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. WILLIAM STEELE,  
Missionary in the Parish of Caddo.
- Rev. W. C. STOUT,  
Missionary in the State of Arkansas.
- Rev. SPENCER WALL,  
Minister of a Colored Congregation, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D.  
Late residing in New Orleans.
- Rev. CHARLES W. WHITALL,  
Missionary of the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans.



# **LIST OF PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.**

|                                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Baton Rouge.                   | ANNUNCIATION CHURCH, New Orleans. |
| St. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge.              | CHRIST CHURCH, "                  |
| GRACE CHURCH, St. Francisville.                   | GRACE CHURCH, "                   |
| ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bayou Goula.                   | PROTESTANTE FRANCAISE "           |
| CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,<br>City of Lafayette. | ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, "              |
| ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Thibodeaux.                    | ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Alexandria.    |
| ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Vermillionville.               | ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Franklin.      |
| TRINITY CHURCH, Natchitoches.                     | ZION'S CHURCH, St. Martinsville.  |
|                                                   | CHRIST CHURCH, Covington.         |

## **MISSIONARY STATIONS.**

|                                   |                                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| ASCENSION CHURCH, Donaldsonville. | BETHEL CHURCH, Esplanade st. N. Orleans.  |
| ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Shreveport    | ——, Carondelet street, "                  |
| ——, Lake Providence.              | ——, Balize.                               |
| ——, Opelousas.                    | Colored Congregation, Lafourche Interior. |
| GRACE CHURCH, Manroe.             | ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Morganzia.            |

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GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, }  
WEDNESDAY MORNING, 3d May, 1848. }

This being the day and place appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Louisiana, the Rev. N. O. Preston, Rector of the Church of Annunciation, New Orleans, said the morning prayer, Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Rector L'Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans, read the Lessons, and the Rev. Charles A. Whittall, Missionary of the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans, preached a Sermon on Ordination, to a large and attentive congregation, after which the Rev. William John Lynd, Rector of Christ Church, Covington, was ordained, to the order of Priesthood, and Mr. Frederick Dean, was ordained, to the order of Deacon, in conformity with the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Holy Eucharist was administered to the Clergy, and many of the Laity and Congregation. At half past one o'clock in the afternoon the Convention came to order, when the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair as President, and John L. Lobdell, the Secretary of the Convention of last year, called over the list of clergy residing in the Diocese, and who were entitled to seats, when it appeared that the following were present, who answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, to wit:

Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.

Bishop of the Diocese, and President of the Convention.  
Rev. JOHN BURKE, Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

" CHARLES P. CLARKE, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, City of Lafayette.

Rev. E. GUION, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchitoches.

" FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D., L. L. D., Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.

Rev. ARCHIBALD H. LAMON, Rector of St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.

Rev. DANIEL C. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.

" W. JOHN LYNDÉ, Rector of Christ Church, Covington.

" W. R. NICHOLSON, Rector of Grace Church, New Orleans.

" N. O. PRESTON, Rector of Annunciation Church, New Orleans.

" JOHN SANDELS, Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

" SPENCER WALL, Minister of Colored Congregation, Lafourche Interior.

" CHARLES W. WHITALL, Missionary, Bethel, New Orleans.

The President then appointed the Rev. Mr. Preston, and the Rev. Mr. Guion, a Committee to assist the Secretary, in examining the certificates of the Lay Delegates. The Lay Delegates placed their certificates on the Secretary's table after due notice, when said Committee reported, that after due examination, it was found that the certificates from the parishes of St. James, Baton Rouge ; St. John's, West Baton Rouge ; Grace, St. Francisville ; St. John's, Thibodeaux ; Annunciation, New Orleans ; and Christ, Covington ; were in due form ; and that David Chambers, Doctor Timothy Fay, and Doctor W. B. Wood, for the Parish of St. James, Baton Rouge ; Doctor W. Jones Lyle, William Markham, and John L. Lobdell, for the Parish of St. John's, West Baton Rouge ; Doctor Ira Smith, Hon. James J. Weems, J. Dale Powell, Uriah B. Philips, for the Parish of Grace, St. Francisville ; Andrew A. Collins, Richard E. Butler, and P. L. Cox, for the Parish of St. John's, Thibodeaux ; P. M. Ozanne, J. H. Rodenburg, and G. M. Mallett, for the Parish of Annunciation, New Orleans ; and Hon. George Strawbridge, John L. Markee, and Leonard Magee, for the Parish of Christ Church, Covington ; were entitled to their seats as Lay Delegates to the Convention.

The names of the Lay Delegates having been called, the following answered to their names and took their seats in Convention, viz :

Doctor Timothy Fay, Doctor Wm. Jones Lyle, Wm. Markham, John L. Lobdell, Doctor Ira Smith, Hon. James J. Weems, J. Dale Powell, Uriah B. Philips, and G. M. Mallett. A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organised.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, it was then

*Resolved*, that all Clergymen of good standing, belonging to other

Dioceses, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and those of this Diocese, not having canonical residences in the same, who may be present, at the sittings of this Convention, be admitted, and are hereby invited, to take seats in this Convention as honorary members thereof.

When the Rev. Mr. Kerr, of the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne, Rector of the French Protestant Church, of New Orleans, took their seats in Convention as honorary members.

The Convention then, in conformity with the fifth rule of order, proceeded to elect a Secretary for the Convention, for the ensuing year, when John L. Lobdell, one of the Lay Delegates, from St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, was unanimously chosen by ballot.

There were then laid before the Convention several applications of new churches for admission into union with the Convention, when the Rev. Dr. Hawks, and Doctor Ira Smith, were appointed a Committee to examine the documents and report thereon to the Convention. The Committee after due examination reported, in favor of the admission of the following churches, to wit :

1st. Grace Church, New Orleans.

2nd. L'Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans.

3d. Church of the Holy Trinity, City of Lafayette.

Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, that Grace Church, New Orleans, L'Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans; and the Church of the Holy Trinity, City of Lafayette, be admitted into union with the Convention.

The certificates of Lay Delegates for the Churches of L'Eglise Protestante Française, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, City of Lafayette; were handed into the Secretary, and after examination by the aforesaid Committee, were found to be in due form, and that Lucius C. Duncan, and Greer B. Duncan, were appointed for L'Eglise Protestante Française, and Augustus S. Phelps, Richard Kent, and John B. Patterson, were appointed for the Church of the Holy Trinity, who were each and all entitled to their seats. The Secretary then called their names, and Lucius C. Duncan, answered and took his seat in Convention.

On motion it was then

*Resolved*, that the Rev. Mr. Preston, Rev. Mr. Guion, and Dr. Wm. Jones Lyle, be a Committee, to present to the Convention the names of suitable persons to compose the Standing Committee,

the Deputies to the General Convention, the Missionary Committee, the Education Committee, and a Trustee of the general Theological Seminary, for this Diocese, in place of the Hon. Thomas Butler, deceased.

When said Committee retired, and after consultation reported the following names to the Convention, viz :

*For the Standing Committee :*

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Mr. L. C. DUNCAN, |
| " Mr. PRESTON,  | " P. M. OZANNE,   |
| " " GOODRICH,   | " W. M. GOODRICH, |

*For Delegates to the General Convention.*

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Dr. LACEY, | Hon. GEO. S. GUION,  |
| " " HAWKS,      | Mr. JOHN L. LOBDELL, |
| " Mr. GUION,    | " J. DALE POWELL,    |
| " " LAMON,      | Dr. J. P. DAVIDSON.  |

*For Missionary Committee.*

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Mr. PRESTON, | Mr. P. M. OZANNE, |
| " " LEWIS,        | " W. M. GOODRICH, |
| " " NICHOLSON,    | " THOMAS J. DIX.  |

*For Education Committee.*

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Hon. GEO. S. GUION, |
| " " LACEY,      | " CHARLES WATTS,    |
| " Mr. LEWIS,    | Mr. L. MATTHEWS,    |
| " " NICHOLSON,  | " B. M. NORMAN,     |

*For Trustee of General Theological Seminary.*

Mr. JOHN L. LOBDELL.

The President then appointed the following Committees, to further the business of the Convention, who were requested to examine the several matters belonging to their respective Committees, and report to the Convention, viz :

*1st. Committee on New Parishes.*

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Dr. IRA SMITH. |
|-----------------|----------------|

*2nd. Committee on Elections.*

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Rev. Mr. PRESTON, | Rev. Mr. GUION. |
|-------------------|-----------------|

*3d. Committee on the state of the Church.*

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS, | Mr. L. C. DUNCAN, |
| " Mr. PRESTON,  | Dr. IRA SMITH.    |

*4th. Committee on Canons.*

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Dr. HAWKS,    | Rev. Mr. SANDALS, |
| Mr. J. DALE POWEL. |                   |

*5th. Committee on Reports of Treasurer.*

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Hon. JUDGE WEEMS, | Mr. G. M. MALLETT. |
|-------------------|--------------------|

*6th. Committee on Unfinished Business*

Rev. Mr. BURKE,                      Rev. Mr. WHITALL.

*7th. Committee on Corporations.*

Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,              Mr. J. L. LOBDELL,  
Mr. GEO. T. LACEY.

*8th. Committee on Assessment for Travelling Expenses of Bishop, &c.*

Rev. Dr. HAWKS,              Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,  
Dr. IRA SMITH.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Mallett, were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for the Standing, the Missionary and Education Committees. The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the members of said Committees, when it appeared on counting the ballots, that the following persons were elected, viz :

*For Standing Committee.*

Rev. Dr. HAWKS,              Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,  
" Mr. PRESTON,              " P. M. OZANNE,  
" " GOODRICH,              " W. M. GOODRICH.

*For Missionary Committee.*

Rev. Mr. PRESTON,              Mr. P. M. OZANNE,  
" " LEWIS,              " W. M. GOODRICH,  
" " NICHOLSON,              " THOS. J. DIX.

*For Education Committee.*

Rev. Dr. HAWKS,              Hon. GEO. S. GUION,  
" " LACEY,              " CHARLES WATTS,  
" Mr. LEWIS.              Mr. L. MATTHEWS,  
" " NICHOLSON,              " B. M. NORMAN.

The Rev. Mr. Lamson was appointed teller to receive and count the ballots for the person to be nominated to fill the vacancy of Trustee of the General Theological Seminary in the place of the Hon. Thomas Butler, deceased ; when on counting the ballots it appeared that JOHN L. LOBDELL. was nominated to fill the vacancy.

On motion it was then

*Resolved*, that the Convention adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, which was accordingly done.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, }  
 THURSDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK, 4th MAY, 1848. }

The Convention met according to adjournment, the roll was called, and the minutes of the former proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

The Rt. Rev. James Harvey Otey, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Tennessee, being present, on motion it was

*Resolved*, that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, be requested to take his seat in Convention at the side of the presiding Bishop.

The following additional members appeared, answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, to wit, Rev. Charles Fay, Missionary in New Orleans; Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Rector of St. James' Church, Alexandria; and Mr. David Chambers, a Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.

The Rev. Mr. Giles, of the Diocese of Mississippi, appeared and took his seat in Convention, as an honorary member, under the resolution heretofore passed.

Certificates of Lay Delegates for Christ Church, New Orleans; St. James' Church, Alexandria; Grace Church, New Orleans; Trinity Church, Natchitoches; and St. Pauls' Church, New Orleans; were handed in, and examined by the Committee, who reported them in due form, and that the following Lay Delegates under those certificates, were entitled to their seats in Convention, viz :

*From Christ Church, New Orleans*—John Nicholson, James Saul, R. Maury, H. Wilson, Washington Jackson, Charles Briggs, Joseph Harrod, and Edward Chapman.

*From St. James' Church, Alexandria*—Dr. J. Pintard Davidson, Willis Bonner, and Josiah Chambers.

*From Grace Church, New Orleans*—A. P. Cleveland, John A. Mitchell, Thomas J. Dix, and R. Geddes.

*From Trinity Church, Natchitoches*—Ambrose Sompayrac, son. John Davidson, and John R. Williams.

*From St. Paul's Church, New Orleans*.—B. M. Norman, Wm. M. Goodrich, W. B. Norcum, and F. R. Southmayd.

The Secretary then called the names of said Lay Delegates, and the following answered and took their seats in Convention, viz : Dr. J. Pintard Davidson, Josiah Chambers, A. P. Cleveland, John A. Mitchell, B. M. Norman, and James Saul.

The Standing Committee then made their report, as follows :

The Standing Committee reports that it has during the past year recommended to the Bishop

*For Priest's Orders.*—Rev. William R. Nicholson, Charles P. Clarke, Spencer Wall, William John Lynde.

*For Deacon's Orders.*—Mr. William C. Stout, Charles P. Clarke, William John Lynde, Frederick Dean.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, Chairman.

New Orleans, April 26, 1848.

The Committee on Corporations made their report as follows, viz :

The Committee on Corporations beg leave to report, that under the new Constitution of the State of Louisiana a provision was made requiring general laws to be enacted by the Legislature of the State in favor of Corporations. The Legislature of the State on the 30th of April, 1847, passed and had approved this general law, the provisions of which, in the judgment of your Committee, will fully answer all the objects contemplated by this Convention, in the reference made to this Committee, in the year 1845.

All such distinct corporations therefore as may be desired for the accomplishment of any object, under the care and patronage of this church, whether in reference to the organization of new churches, the establishment of schools, or the creation of Trust Funds for charitable or other purposes, may on proper application receive from the constituted authorities of the State all needful capacity and power.

Referring therefore to the above recited law of the State of Louisiana, the Committee beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matters heretofore referred to them.

L. C. DUNCAN.

JOHN L. LOBDELL.

St. Francisville, 4th May, 1848.

The Committee on Corporations were discharged accordingly by the Convention.

It was then

*Resolved*, That the application of the Bethel Church of New Orleans to be received in communion with this Convention as a distinct incorporation, under the name of St. Peter's Bethel Church, New Orleans, be referred to the Committee on new churches.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lamon, it was

*Resolved*, That the following be added to the Rules of Order for the first day's meeting of the Convention, to be added immediately



after the fifth Rule of Order, and called the sixth and seventh Rules of Order, viz :

VI. The President shall then appoint the following Committees, to wit :

1. Committee on new Parishes.
2.     "     "     Elections.
3.     "     "     State of the Church.
4.     "     "     Canons.
5.     "     "     Reports and Accounts of Treasurers.
6.     "     "     Unfinished business.
7.     "     "     Incorporations.
8.     "     "     Assessments.
9.     "     to present names for Standing Committee.
10.    "     to present names for Deputies to the General Convention.
11. Committee to present names for Trustees of General Theological Seminary.
12. Committee to present names for Missionary Committee.
13.     "     "     "     Education Committee.

VII. Rule of Order.—The Delegates to come prepared with quotas of Publication Fund, and Support of the Bishop.

*Resolved*, That the numbers of the present Rules of Order be changed so as to correspond with these amendments.

It being half past ten o'clock in the morning, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of joining in the religious exercises of the day, when the service was said by the Rev. Mr. Whitall, and the Lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, after which a sermon on missions was preached by the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, to a large and attentive audience. A collection was then taken in aid of Diocesan Missions.

The Convention again came to order at half past twelve, when the Bishop read his Address, as follows.

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## ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :*

Another year has elapsed, and we are by the providence of God brought together once more to interchange offices of brotherly love, to sympathize with each other's woes, to bear each other's burdens,

and to take counsel as to the best methods of advancing the interests of the kingdom of him who hath loved us and given himself for us.

May his spirit preside over us, and bless us in our work.

In surveying the incidents of the past year, whilst we may truly say that goodness and mercy have followed us as a church, we have not been left without some warnings, which teach us that this is not our rest. Death has been permitted to do his work among us, and for the first time since my connection with the diocese are we called upon to notice the decease of a clerical brother. The Rev. Wiley Peck, who was with us on the last occasion of our conventional meeting, with as strong a probability as any of our own number of being spared many years for the church's service, has been called to his account. He was cut down in the midst of his years and his usefulness, falling a victim to a deadly disease, while devoting himself to the relief of the sick poor and the dying of his parish. In his warm and affectionate christian heart, and his cordial devotion to the work of his master, we cannot but remember qualities which endeared him to us while living, and now call for a record of our sorrow, that we should have been thus early deprived of his presence as a companion and fellow laborer in the field which has been assigned us.

Nor was our loss confined to the clergy only. We have been called to lament the departure of more than an ordinary number from among our flocks. Of these, I doubt not that the place of our present meeting, will call strongly to mind one whose relations to our portion of the church were such as to make his death an event not only truly distressing to his particular parish, but an afflictive dispensation to the whole diocese. The name of Judge Thomas Butler, has been so intimately associated with the church in Louisiana, from its first organization up to the period of his death, as to have made him perfectly identified with it. It is believed that he was absent from few if any of its conventional meetings, exercising always by his elevated sense of moral rectitude his great intelligence, his sound judgment and known devotion to the best interests of the church, an influence which was always recognized and ever treated with the deference due to such an assemblage of virtues. His loss is one which we cannot but feel acutely, and mourn with no ordinary sorrow. He died while he was on his way to take part in the deliberations of the late General Convention of the church, and while therefore at his post engaged in the special service of his Lord and master. For the good example of those of our fellow servants

who departed this life in his faith and fear, we have assuredly reason to praise and bless God's holy name, and to beseech him to give us grace that we being followers of those who have inherited the promises, may with them be partakers of his heavenly kingdom.

Since the period of my last report to the Convention, my episcopal acts and other proceedings have been as follows :

On Wednesday, 14th April, 1847, I held a confirmation in the church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, at which I confirmed thirteen persons. On Saturday, 17th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, Christ Church, New Orleans, in which service I was assisted by my Right Rev. Brethren, Drs. Otey, of Tennessee, and Freeman, Missionary Bishop of the South West.

On the same occasion, I held a confirmation and admitted to that holy rite fourteen persons in the same church.

On Sunday, 18th, I held an ordination in Christ Church, New Orleans, in the morning, at which I admitted the Rev. William R. Nicholson to the order of priesthood. At three, P. M. on the same day, I held a confirmation at the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans, at which I admitted nine persons to that rite, and at 5, P. M. on the same day, I admitted to the same rite fifteen others, at St. Paul's, in the same city. On the fourth Sunday after Easter, I assisted at the services in St. John's church, Thibodeaux.

On Whitsunday, I consecrated St. James' church, East Baton Rouge, at which time I confirmed three persons.

On Trinity Sunday, I preached in St. John's church, West Baton Rouge, in the morning. I also preached in the same church in the afternoon, and confirmed seven persons. (Colored.)

The Wednesday and Thursday following, I spent in the parish of Point Coupée, when after the celebration of divine service by the Rev. Mr. Laman at the house of Mr. Charles Allen, on the For-doche, I preached and organized a congregation, which was called St. Peter's church. In this vicinity there are many families already attached to our church, and others desirous of attending its services, and arrangements which we trust will meet their wishes, have been made for supplying them with the services of a minister.

On the first Sunday after Trinity I preached at St. Francisville, and confirmed seven persons.

During the week following I attended for several days the examination of the pupils of the Southern Institution for young ladies, at Jackson, an institution recognized by the Convention as a Diocesan school, and under the immediate supervision of the Rev. Wm.

**B. Lacey, D. D.** It gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to the thoroughness with which the pupils have been taught in the various branches of education pursued in the Institute, and to the ample provision there made for the education of the young and I again commend it, without hesitation to the parents in the Diocese as offering advantages equal to any with which I am acquainted.

On Sunday, the 13th, I preached in the College Chapel at Jackson, in the morning, at which time I baptized five children, and confirmed two persons, pupils of the Southern Institute. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in the same chapel.

On Monday afternoon, June 14th, I preached and held confirmation at St. John's church, West Baton Rouge, at which time I confirmed four persons, and on the same occasion I celebrated a marriage.

During the months of July and August, and up to the period of my departure for the General Convention in September, I supplied the pulpit of St. John's church, Thibodeaux, (the rector being absent,) and performed occasional duty for another congregation in the neighborhood. During this time I celebrated the holy communion twice, and baptized one infant. I also read prayers and preached at Napoleonville once, and baptized one infant.

From the General Convention I did not reach home until the 20th of November.

The results of this meeting as giving evidence not only of the extension of the church over an increasingly widening area, both at home and abroad, but also of her soundness in the faith and firmness of determination to maintain wholesome discipline, have been so generally spread upon the public journals, that I need not do more than simply refer you to them for information upon those points.

On the second Sunday after Christmas, I admitted Messrs. Chas. P. Clarke and William J. Lynde, candidates for orders in this Diocese, to the order of deacons.

On the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, I held a confirmation in the morning at the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans, at which time I confirmed twenty persons. In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed two others at the Church of the Annunciation.

On the 5th Sunday after Epiphany I held a confirmation at St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, in the morning, and admitted to that rite eleven persons. In the afternoon of the same day I admitted eleven others to the same rite in Grace Church, New Orleans, and

at night I confirmed eleven others, in Christ Church, in the same city.

On Septuagesima Sunday, I read service in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, I assisted in the service at St. Mary's Church, Franklin.

On Ash Wednesday I read the service and preached in Zion's parish, St. Martinsville, and baptized one infant. On the following day I baptized two children, in the same parish.

On the same day I read the service and preached at New Iberia, on which occasion I baptized two adults and two children.

On the first Sunday in Lent I preached in St. Mary's parish, Franklin, and baptized three children. I also on the same occasion confirmed two persons. On the following day I baptized one other infant, in the same parish.

On the second Sunday in Lent I preached in Christ Church, Covington, and confirmed two persons in the morning. I also administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of the same day I read service in the same church.

On the evening of the day following, March 20, I preached in Madisonville, in the parish of St. Tammany.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent I preached to a colored congregation in Lafourche Interior, baptized fifteen infants and confirmed twenty-two persons.

On the fifth Sunday in Lent I preached in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, and baptized three children.

On the sixth Sunday in Lent I held confirmation in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, and admitted five persons to that rite.

On Good Friday I assisted in the services of the morning at Christ Church, New Orleans.

On Easter day I preached in Christ Church, New Orleans, in the morning and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon of the same day I held an ordination in the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the city of Lafayette, at which time I preached and admitted the Rev. Charles P. Clarke to the order of priesthood. On the same occasion, in the same church, I confirmed five persons. On the evening of the same day I held a confirmation in St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, and confirmed two persons.

On Easter Monday I baptized a child in the parish of the Holy Trinity, in Lafayette.

On the first Sunday after Easter I preached in the morning at the Church of the Annunciation, in New Orleans and confirmed eleven

persons. In the afternoon of the same day I preached in Grace Church, New Orleans, and confirmed thirteen persons. In the evening of the same day I held confirmation at the Seamen's Bethel and confirmed seven persons.

During my visitation of the churches in New Orleans, I held two other confirmations in the Church of the Annunciation, on which occasion I confirmed three persons and baptized one adult.

On the third instant, in Grace Church, St. Francisville, I admitted Mr. Frederick Déan, a candidate for orders in this Diocese, to the Order of Deacons, and the Rev. William J. Lynde to the Order of Priests.

I have during the conventional year baptized thirty-five children and three adults. I have held twenty-six confirmations, at which I have confirmed two hundred and three persons.

I have ordained seven persons to the offices of the ministry, four deacons and three priests; one of the former, the Rev. Mr. Stout, being by the hands of my Right Rev. Brother, the Bishop of Virginia, who kindly acted for me in the performance of the ordination office.

I have during the year consecrated two church edifices, and have to report several others more or less ready for the same service.

I have received into the Diocese the following clergymen by letters dimissory from other Dioceses.

The Rev. C. S. Hedges, from the Diocese of Missouri;

The Rev. A. D. McCoy, from the Diocese of Massachusetts;

And the Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne, from the Diocese of Winchester, in England;

The first of whom has taken charge of a new parish recently organized, on the Ouachita, at Munroe. The second has taken charge of St. James' Church, Alexandria, and the last of "L'Eglise Protestante Française," New Orleans, all of whom are laboring with acceptance in their respective fields. These, with the number added to the list of our clergy by ordination during the year, make our present number twenty-seven.

Our present number of actual candidates for orders is one; seven other persons are however in course of preparation for the ministry in this Diocese, more or less of whom will be shortly admitted.

No permanent change has occurred in the fields of labor of the clergy during the year, excepting in the case of the Rev. Mr. Ranney, who has established the regular ministrations of the church at the Balize, mouth of the Mississippi, for the benefit of the Pilots and their families. His report will be before the Convention, from

Mr. Whitall, as a mission station of the Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society of New Orleans, and designed by those who originated it and nurtured its infancy, to be *forever* a free Church for Seamen and Boatmen in New Orleans.

That this matter may be better understood, your Committee deem it proper to lay before the Convention such information as they are possessed of, touching the City Mission Society of New Orleans.

Three years ago, with the approbation of the Bishop, a public meeting of Episcopalians in New Orleans, was called to take measures for extending the church in that city. The meeting resulted in the formation of the society above named, and its plan of operation was to rent rooms, fit them up as chapels, and employ missionaries in them. Funds for the support of these missionaries were drawn from a common fund created by the contributions of the Episcopalians of New Orleans. The affairs of the Society are managed by an Executive Committee composed of the clergy and of two laymen from each parish or station, and no business can be done unless each parish is represented. Soon after commencing operations, the Executive Committee resolved, with the entire concurrence of the Bishop, to form a Mission Station near the shipping, for the especial benefit of Seamen and Boatmen, and to make the Chapel *forever free in its sittings*, for the use of the classes just referred to. The present excellent missionary, Mr. Whitall, commenced as a lay reader, and a beginning was made. At the suggestion of one of your Committee, the young men of the Episcopal Church of New Orleans, who were then contributors, in common with the rest of their brethren, to the funds of the City Mission Society, formed an auxiliary to that society under the name of the "Young Men's City Mission Auxiliary," and in imitation of their young brethren in some of our northern cities, took on themselves the support of the mission to seamen, except in the particular of paying the rent of the chapel. They were not thereafter expected to subscribe to the Parent Society, and very few did subscribe. It would be gross injustice to those young brethren not to say that they have nobly redeemed their pledge and performed what they undertook. After the formation of the Young Men's Society, the parent institution passed a resolution of thanks for their aid, and co-operated with them in appointing a joint committee, from both Parent and Auxiliary Society, to watch over the mission. Thus matters proceeded, harmoniously and prosperously, as indeed they still do, but without any other organization than that already set forth, until November, 1847,

when some six or more of the Young Men's Executive Committee incorporated themselves by the act which they now present, and on which they seek admission. It is proper also to add, that this step was taken by the Committee of the Young Men's Society, without any concert with the Parent Society, without its previous knowledge and without any action on its part. That the Young Men's Society acted from good motives, and intended only the best interests of the mission, your Committee believes, and whatever difficulties may be found in this case result from error of judgment merely. After this action on the part of the Young Men's Committee, the Parent Society, which had been raising the means by private contributions from Episcopalians generally both in and out of the city, and indeed in some instances out of the Diocese, appointed a Committee to examine sites, purchase ground, and erect a Chapel with as little delay as possible, to be forever free in its sittings for Seamen and Boatmen. That Committee has selected, has purchased, made a payment of \$2000, and taken the bond from the vendor to make a title to whomsoever they may direct, and this site is the very place now occupied as a Chapel. The object of the Parent Society is to take time and legal advice, that, when the property is transferred, it may be so conveyed that while the legal title is secured to the Church, it may be held forever as a free Church for Seamen, and thus accomplish the great purpose contemplated in the establishment of the mission.

As the sole object of both the Parent and Auxiliary Society is a *free Church*, your Committee have thought best to recommend that the present application shall not be granted, because,

1st. They believe a better mode of accomplishing the object may probably be found than that of ordinary parochial organization.

2nd. The present organization, would not provide directly or indirectly for the existence of a *free Church*.

3d. If it were provided for, its *perpetuity* as such is not provided for, the Vestry would have legal power to dispose of the sittings as they pleased, and no power exists to control them.

4th. The Parent Society has purchased and is to build : they therefore are responsible. It is not right to put the legal title of their property into the hands of a vestry, not even of their own number, nor even of their own selection.

It has appeared to your Committee, therefore that for the sake of caution it is best not to embarrass matters connected with the Bethel, by any parochial organization at present. Its excellent missionary



is entitled to a seat here, and the congregation which it is sought to gather there, unlike any other in the diocese, is made up of men whose occupation leaves them no home, and who have no special interest in or need of representation here.

The Committee would respectfully recommend that measures be taken by the Parent Society, to secure the title in perpetuity as a free Church ; and that if the Young Men's Society is disposed to continue its good work, that the temporal affairs of the Station be confided to a Committee of the Young Men's Society, to be annually elected by themselves. This would answer all the purposes of a vestry without involving any difficulty.

In view of all the facts, your Committee respectfully recommend the following resolution.

*Resolved*, that it is not expedient at present to grant the application from St. Peter's Church, New Orleans, for admission into union with the Convention. Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS.

IRA SMITH.

The Convention, on motion, adopted the Resolution recommended by the Committee on New Churches.

It was then

*Resolved*, that Mr. Matthews, sent as a delegate from St. Peter's Bethel Church, New Orleans, be invited to take a seat in Convention as an honorary member.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Guion, the following entry and Resolutions were adopted. Whereas since the meeting of our last Convention, we have been called upon to mourn the decease of our beloved brother in the ministry, the Rev. Willie Peck, therefore

*Resolved*, that this dispensation of divine providence calls upon us who are yet spared, in emphatic terms, to be diligent and faithful in the discharge of our respective duties, remembering that the night cometh, in which no man can work.

*Resolved*, that the Convention cherish with feelings of great pleasure, the remembrance of many amiable qualities in the character of our deceased brother, which endeared him to us in the course of his brief career among us.

*Resolved*, that this Convention sympathize with the widow of the deceased in her bereavement, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit to her a copy of these resolutions.

## Parochial Reports.

The Parochial Reports were then read and handed into the Secretary, and are as follows :

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BATON ROUGE.

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| Baptisms—Infants, white, . . . . .                          | 7  |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                        | 1  |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                    | 3  |
| Burials, . . . . .                                          | 4  |
| Communicants, last report 23, removed 4, added 6, . . . . . | 25 |
| Contributions for Church purposes, about \$100. . . . .     |    |

It is with great pleasure that the undersigned notices the much improved character of his church music, the earnest and praiseworthy efforts of his choir, and the steady increase of his congregation. We are about to solicit the aid of our friends towards the purchase of an organ. We lament the removal from Baton Rouge, of six families, all members of the flock.

JOHN BURKE, Rector.

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CITY OF LAFAYETTE.

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| Baptisms—Infants 6, total, . . . . .                                  | 6                 |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                                  | 2                 |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                              | 4                 |
| Funerals, . . . . .                                                   | 14                |
| Communicants, . . . . .                                               | 17                |
| Children in Sunday Schools, . . . . .                                 | 60                |
| Teachers, . . . . .                                                   | 7                 |
| Alms collected, one Communion, . . . . .                              | \$8 40            |
| Collected for Church Grounds and Building temporary Church, . . . . . | 3,200 00—3,208 40 |

About thirty families are connected with the Congregation.

A little previous to the time that I received licence as a lay reader, which was June 25th, 1847, I commenced efforts to raise money for the purchase of suitable grounds, and the erection of a house of worship in the city of Lafayette. My endeavours were so far successful that by the first of July, I felt myself warranted in making a purchase of three lots of ground in a central part of the city, making the first payment of \$400. Soon after a congregation was organized according to law, under the style and title of "the Church of the Holy Trinity," and the property was legally conveyed to the Vestry. My efforts to collect funds were continued until they were arrested by the desolating epidemic, with which our city was visited the last summer. In the mean time I was occupied four months as a lay reader in Christ Church, New Orleans, in the absence of Dr. Hawks. During the prevalence of the yellow fever, I was much

occupied in visiting the sick, burying the dead, and mitigating as far as possible the sufferings of my neighbours, until I myself was overtaken in the common calamity. But, thank God, it found me at my post, officiating in my humble capacity in the house of the Lord. My whole family too, were prostrated before this desolating scourge, but through the mercy of God, all have been graciously spared to me.

On the 5th of November, we contracted for the building of our chapel, which is intended to serve the present purpose of a church, and ultimately to be an appendage to a more spacious and commanding edifice. It is a substantial and neat building, twenty-five by fifty-five feet, with a vestry room in the rear, twelve feet square, with a gallery for the choir. It is sufficiently large to accommodate 250 persons; the building is situated on a key lot, in the rear of ample grounds, fronting the river, which are reserved for our contemplated church. These grounds are improved, fenced and ornamented with shade trees, and shrubbery.

On the second of January, I was ordained Deacon. Our Chapel was opened for divine service on *Sexagesima Sunday*, February 27th: On Easter Sunday, April 23d, I was admitted to the order of Priesthood, at which time four persons were confirmed. This was the first public ordination, confirmation, or communion held by the Church, in the city of Lafayette.

We have succeeded in raising three thousand two hundred dollars, which pays the two first instalments on the ground, and completes the payments on the building. For this we are greatly indebted to our friends in New Orleans, who have come up generously to our help: We have to make one payment more of about six hundred dollars, which when done will free us from all pecuniary liabilities.

During the season of Lent, we have had public prayers, with occasional preaching, on Wednesdays, and Fridays, and during Passion week, service every day; these services have been as well attended as we had a right to expect.

It is now ten weeks since our first assembling for public worship, and although we have a hard soil to cultivate, it having long been neglected, we have abundant cause of encouragement. In making this first report of our Parish, we would set up our ~~EBEN-EZER~~ gratefully acknowledging that hitherto the Lord hath helped us. Our motto for the future is *JEHOVAH JIRAH*, "the Lord will provide."

Ours is the only Episcopal Church, in the City of Lafayette, it occupies what will soon be a commanding position, but ~~for the present~~ it will have to be put upon the list of missionary stations.

CHARLES P. CLARKE, Rector

Rev. FREDERICK DEAN. Ordained on the 3d May, 1848, during the session of this Convention, and of course no ministerial duties to report.

Rev. CHARLES FAY, Missionary, New Orleans. Report merged with the report of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

Rev. JAMES FOX, President of Jefferson College, State of Mississippi. No report.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

REV. CHAS. GOODRICH, RECTOR.

Rev. Mr. Goodrich, the Rector of this Church, was compelled by an imperative sense of duty, in accordance with the advice of his physician, to leave for a while the field of his useful labors, and journey to the North for the benefit of his wife's health; up to the time of his departure (August 1st,) he has recorded, baptisms 17, (adults 1, children 16.) Marriages 6, Interments 8.

Since that date to the present time, I have officiated as his substitute, and performed the following ministerial acts.

Baptisms—27, (adults 4, children 23,) Interments 39, Marriages 10.

It must be observed that a very large proportion of the burials, several of the marriages and baptisms, were of persons not connected with St. Paul's.

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| Baptisms—(Adults 5, Children 39,) . . . . .                                         | 44           |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                                            | 25           |
| Communicants, (removed 20, died 3, added 30,) . . . . .                             | 109          |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                                                | 16           |
| Interments, . . . . .                                                               | 47           |
| Sunday School—Scholars, 185—Teachers 23, . . . . .                                  | 208          |
| “ “ for colored children—Teachers 4, . . . . .                                      | 34           |
| Contributions to Foreign Missions, . . . . .                                        | \$150        |
| “ “ General Missionary objects, . . . . .                                           | 175          |
| “ “ New Orleans City Missions, . . . . .                                            | 400          |
| “ “ Parochial objects, . . . . .                                                    | 140          |
| “ “ Of Ladies Sewing Society, towards<br>payment of existing church debt, . . . . . | 400—1265 50. |

CHARLES FAY, Rector pro tempore.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHITOCHES.

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| Baptisms—Adults 5, children 17—Total, . . . . . | 22 |
| Communicants—at last report 58, “ . . . . .     | 58 |
| “ Added by removal 1, new 9—total . . . . .     | 10 |
| Lost “ death, 2, . . . . .                      | 68 |
| “ “ transfer, 13, . . . . .                     | 14 |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Present number, . . . . .                     | 53          |
| Marriages, . . . . .                          | 3           |
| Burials, . . . . .                            | 9           |
| Sunday Scholars, . . . . .                    | 20          |
| Contributions to Irish Relief Fund, . . . . . | \$15 00     |
| “ “ Domestic Missions, . . . . .              | 25 00       |
| “ “ Foreign “ . . . . .                       | 25 00       |
| “ “ Diocesan purposes, . . . . .              | 20 00—\$85. |

The Church of St. James', at Alexandria, in the Parish of Rapides, which hitherto formed a part of my pastoral charge, has within the last six months formed a distinct charge, and enjoys the exclusive ministrations of its own rector. The thirteen Communicants reported as lost by transfer, are the thirteen residing within the limits of that parish. Our own affairs continue unchanged in their spiritual features, and in the midst of many discouragements and trials, we have reason to be very thankful for the comparatively good measure of success with which we have been blessed.

E. GUION, *Rector*.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

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| Baptisms—Adults 6, Children 66—total, . . . . . | 72  |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                        | 27  |
| Marriages, . . . . .                            | 15  |
| Funerals, . . . . .                             | 20  |
| Communicants, . . . . .                         | 210 |

The parish is prospering in its temporal affairs : and we would fain hope its spiritual interests are advancing also. One of the most serious obstacles to the growth in this and in all our city congregations, is to be found in the migratory habits of a large part of our population. A very large majority of the permanent inhabitants of New Orleans are of the Church of Rome ; there are, as is supposed, between forty and fifty thousand protestants, when the city is full ; of these the Episcopal Church has a fair proportion ; but of these, when the season of business is over, a very large number leave the city, and some return no more ; so that, at the commencement of each winter, our congregations are, to some extent, to be gathered anew. Notwithstanding these difficulties, however, the church is making progress.

After the consecration of the present building, the clergy of the city, with the Bishop's approval, resolved, that the daily services of the church should be performed, and that the duty should be divided among them. Christ Church has consequently been open for prayers every day for the last half year, and some one of the brethren of the

clergy has always been in attendance and officiated. During Lent, when all the churches were open, the services in Christ Church, have been performed for the most part by the Rev. Mr. Manser, and myself. The attendance at the daily service has been quite as good as was expected. The practice was new among our people, yet have there been some who never failed to be present; and by perseverance in our resolution to hold daily service, it is hoped and believed that the habit of attendance will become still more general. Our climate however compels us to dispense with the daily prayers, during the intense heat of the summer, when most of our congregations are out of town.

The congregation of Christ Church, has never in any previous year, contributed as much for various religious objects as it has during the past. May they ever be ready to give in the love of God; and may God reward them an hundred fold with spiritual riches.

They have sent for the publication fund, \$120, and are ready to meet the assessment which the Convention may make for the support of the Episcopate.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, *Rector of Christ Church, N. O.*

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#### GRACE CHURCH, MONROE, PARISH OF OUCHITA.

The undersigned reports, that he commenced his labours in Monroe, in September last. From that period to the present, with but few interruptions, he has continued to discharge the duties of the ministry. A short time since, a congregation was duly organized according to the provisions of the canons, under the name of Grace Church. The prospects of the church here are considered encouraging. We are now making efforts to build a church the ensuing summer. Since I have been in this parish, I have baptized 1 adult, married 1 couple, and attended 3 funerals. The number of communicants is not ascertained. There are several candidates ready for confirmation. A small Sunday School has been kept in operation.

C. S. HEDGES, *Rector.*

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#### SOUTHERN INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES, JACKSON, PARISH EAST FELICIANA.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated one Sunday in Grace Church, St. Francisville, and the rest of the Sundays in term time,

in the Southern Institute, preaching, in the morning, on the great duties of christianity, and lecturing in the afternoon, on the catechism and the articles of religion.

Baptized 1 white person, and 8 colored children, and attended 2 funerals.

The Southern Institute is nearly in the same condition it was, when I last reported. The number of boarders has increased, and its prospects of continued prosperity are brighter now than they have been at any former period.

WILLIAM B. LACEY, *Rector*.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST BATON ROUGE.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Baptisms—Adults, white 2, infants 1.                     | Colored—Adults 8, |          |
| Children, 99,                                            |                   | 110      |
| Confirmations—white 4, colored 7,                        |                   | 11       |
| Burials—white 3, colored 4,                              |                   | 7        |
| Communicants—white, added 3, died 1,                     |                   | 22       |
| “ colored, added 9, died 1.                              | Excommunicated 1, | 63       |
| Contributed to Domestic Missions,                        |                   | \$23 00  |
| “ superannuated Clergymen,                               |                   | 7 60     |
| “ Parochial and Diocesan objects,                        |                   | 2 20     |
| An Organ purchased by the Ladies,                        |                   | 500 00   |
| Colored congregation on the plantation of J. L. Lobdell, |                   |          |
| for African Mission,                                     |                   | 10 00    |
| Colored congregation at the church for African Mission,  |                   | 10 00    |
|                                                          |                   | \$770 60 |

The condition of the parish is steadily improving.

A. H. LAMON, *Rector*.

#### GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, PARISH W. FELICIANA.

|                                          |  |          |
|------------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Baptisms—white, adults 5, infants 7=12 } |  |          |
| “ Colored, “ 4, “ 18=22 }                |  | 34       |
| Confirmations,                           |  | 7        |
| Marriages,                               |  | 8        |
| Interments,                              |  | 17       |
| Communicants,                            |  | 27       |
| Collections—For Domestic Missions,       |  | \$30     |
| “ Diocesan, “                            |  | 70       |
| “ Superannuated Clergymen,               |  | 20       |
| “ Diocesan purposes,                     |  | 50—\$170 |

Since our last Diocesan Convention an afflictive Providence has removed from this church its long esteemed senior warden.

He was a good man and devoutly loved his church. His unaffected piety and conciliatory disposition, his sound church principles and discriminating judgment, will long be remembered by us, his survivors.

D. S. LEWIS, *Rector*.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the annexed statement of his parish, as taken from his register :

|                                                   |    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms, (infant,) white 14. Colored 15—Total,   | 29 |
| Confirmations,                                    | 2  |
| Communicants—withdrawn 2, removed—present number, | 11 |
| Marriages—white 6, colored 2,                     | 8  |
| Interments,                                       | 9  |

Our church is yet in an unfinished condition. Arrangements have however been made to complete it, with the exception of the pews, pulpit and reading desk, which are to be procured in the north. It is hoped that the building will be ready for the pews, &c. by the ensuing fall. An attempt has been made to establish a Sunday School, but the effort proved unsuccessful. As we have no room for this purpose at our disposal, it has been deemed advisable to abandon the matter until we get into the church. The attendance upon the services continues to be very good, and the interest in behalf of Zion is truly encouraging.

SAMUEL G. LITTON, *Rector*.

## CHRIST CHURCH, COVINGTON.

The Rector reports for the past year—

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Children 2, | 2  |
| Burials,             | 4  |
| Confirmed,           | 2  |
| Communicants,        | 16 |
| Sunday Scholars,     | 30 |

This church has been without the regular services of a clergyman since the death of its lamented rector, until the 15th of January last, when the present rector assumed the labors of the ministry. Services have been held at the town of Madisonville, in the vicinity, and it is purposed to extend the line of missionary labor to the villages of Mandeville and Louisburg; in all which places the undersigned intends to carry on the work of his ministry.

April 29, 1848.

W. J. LYND.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PARISH OF RAPIDES.

|                                                             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Baptisms—Adults, white 4, infants, do. 7, colored 3. Total, | 14      |
| Communicants—Added 7. Total                                 | 20      |
| Marriage,                                                   | 1       |
| Interment,                                                  | 1       |
| Contribution to Missions,                                   | \$15 50 |



The undersigned entered upon his duties as minister in Alexandria on the first Sunday in Advent, November, 28th, A. D. 1848. The court house has been used as a place of worship. Each Sunday three services have been held and well attended. On Sunday nights the service and sermon have been especially for colored persons, who by attending in large numbers, and giving most earnest heed to what they have heard, have indicated that the efforts for their spiritual good are duly appreciated by them.

On three occasions services have been held in different parts of the parish for several days in succession. The numbers present who joined in the services and attentively heard the word preached, have induced the belief that this kind of labor may be farther prosecuted with profit.

The subscription for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a church, has been increased to \$4200. A part of this has been collected. The lot is purchased and paid for, and it is confidently hoped that the church will soon be built, free of debt.

Recently \$200 has been subscribed towards the establishment of a female seminary in the parish, which is expected to be soon in operation.

A similar effort is contemplated for the establishment of a male seminary in another part of the parish.

A. D. McCOY, *Rector*.

#### GRACE CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

|                                                                                                                                             |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Baptisms—Infants, white 18, colored 7; adults, white 1—<br>making in all, . . . . .                                                         | 26      |
| Confirmations, all white, . . . . .                                                                                                         | 24      |
| Communicants—reported last Convention 25; since which<br>time there have been deaths 2 and 3 removals—the<br>present number being . . . . . | 90      |
| Funerals, . . . . .                                                                                                                         | 62      |
| Marriages, . . . . .                                                                                                                        | 29      |
| Sunday School—Scholars 120 on the book, average attend-<br>ance being 75. Teachers, male 8, female 10.                                      |         |
| Collections—for Missionary purpose, . . . . .                                                                                               | \$50    |
| “ for New Orleans Bible Society, . . . . .                                                                                                  | 41      |
| “ for benevolent purposes, . . . . .                                                                                                        | 269 47½ |

WM. R. NICHOLSON, *Rector*.

#### REPORT OF L'EGLISE PROTESTANTE FRANCAISE, OF N. O.

Having but recently commenced operations in this newly organized parish, I have but little to lay before the Convention. I entered ~~upon~~ my duties on the first of April last, and have visited as many

French families as I could gain access to. I have also held service in French; in Christ Church every Sunday since then, at 1, P. M., that church being kindly left at our disposal by the rector and vestry, at such hours as the congregation itself does not use it, until we could get a suitable place of our own where service might be held. The attendance has, as yet, been but small, but we hope that by increased visiting and patient continuance in well doing, we may reap our reward.

There is a wide field of labor for us to enter upon in the city of New Orleans, there being at least 42,000 French population, and no minister, until very recently, preaching to them the pure truths of the Gospel. We have many difficulties to contend with, but we hope and trust, by the divine blessing, to succeed in our endeavors and plant a church in their midst. Our work met with the warm approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese, and with the hearty co-operation of all those in the city who are interested in the spread of the Gospel among us, and we are very much encouraged to persevere in our work.

Though our church be admitted as one of the regular parishes of the city, our operations are almost entirely of a missionary character,

THOS. D. OZANNE, *Rector*.

#### CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW ORLEANS.

|                                                          |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Baptisms—Adults 9, children 31, total                    | 40     |
| Confirmations                                            | 29     |
| Marriages                                                | 14     |
| Communicants—former report                               | 70     |
| “ died the last year 3, removed 25,                      | 26     |
| “ added 41, present number,                              | 83     |
| Interments—Parishioners 8, Non-Parishioners 6,           | 14     |
| Sunday School—Teachers 18, Scholars 150,                 | 168    |
| Collections distributed to Missionary and other objects, | \$ 150 |
| “ applied to our own church,                             | 1000   |

The temporal condition of the parish has been somewhat embarrassed by heavy expenses, incurred in repairing the church edifice. But by a munificent gift of \$817, (from an individual who wishes not his “left hand to know what his right doeth,”) and by the united and persevering exertions of practical vestrymen, the embarrassment after the present year will be greatly relieved.

The spiritual condition of the parish was never so flourishing as at present. The Lord has, to a degree, which demands our hearty

thanks, blessed the means of his own appointment to the improvement of the graces of his children, and the conversion of several souls, as we charitably believe, from "darkness unto light."

N. OGDEN PRESTON, *Rector*.

BALIZE, April 22d, 1848.

The Rev. R. H. Ranney, officiating at the Balize, La. reports that since the meeting of the last Convention, he had officiated chiefly at the Balize; where through the liberality of the Pilots, and the income of his School, he has been able to support himself, without making a demand upon the public treasury of the church.

|                                                          |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Children, white 25, colored 7,                  | 32 |
| Funerals, Adults 4, Infant 1,                            | 5  |
| Communicants, added 2,                                   | 4  |
| Families in attendance,                                  | 27 |
| Sunday School pupils,                                    | 31 |
| “ “ Teachers,                                            | 4  |
| Prayer Books distributed,                                | 60 |
| Contribution to the N. O. B. Society,                    | 7  |
| Eight or nine thousand pages of Tracts also distributed. |    |

R. H. RANNEY.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THIBODEAUX.

Rev. JOHN SANDRELS, Rector.

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptisms—Whites, adults 2, infants 5, Colored adults 2,     |          |
| Infants 40—total,                                           | 49       |
| Confirmations in the church, 5, private 1,                  | 6        |
| Marriages of white persons 1, of colored 1,                 | 2        |
| Funerals of white persons 9, colored 1,                     | 10       |
| Sunday School Teachers                                      | 12       |
| “ “ Scholars                                                | 71       |
| Communicants, reported last year 19, added 5; error of last |          |
| year 2, colored 2—present number,                           | 28       |
| Contribution, for Sunday School purposes,                   | \$ 10 00 |
| “ to Diocesan Missions,                                     | 85 00    |
| “ “ pay a debt on the church,                               | 1200 00  |
| “ “ purchase a bell,                                        | 225 00   |
| “ “ fund in aid of superannuated clergymen,                 | 12 00    |
| “ “ diocesan purposes,                                      | 65 00    |

Rev. WILLIAM STEEL, Missionary in Parish of Caddo. No Report.

Rev. WILLIAM C. STOUT, Missionary in Arkansas. No Report.

## COLORED CONGREGATION, PARISH LAFOURCHE INTERIOR.

In regard to the condition of my charge, consisting of a colored congregation on an estate near Thibodeaux, parish of Lafourche Interior, I have to report :

|                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Marriages,                            | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2  |
| Baptisms—Adults 2, children 5. Total, | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 7  |
| Confirmations,                        | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 22 |
| Communicants,                         | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 91 |

Of these thirty-five are new members, and all belong to the same estate. The good work of grace is progressive ; others have expressed a wish to become members of the church. Sunday School pupils, 130. Oral instruction is given them every Sunday. The moral and religious improvement of these colored children is quite remarkable.

SPENCER WALL.

Rev. N. S. WHEATON, D. D., residing in New Orleans.  
No Report.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bayou Goula. No Report.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Vermillionville. No Report.

ZION CHURCH, St. Martinsville. No Report.

ASCENSION CHURCH, Donaldsonville. No Report.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Shreveport. No Report.

MISSIONARY STATION, Lake Providence. No Report.

MISSIONARY STATION, Opelousas. No Report.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Morganza. No Report.

**REPORT OF ST. PETER'S CHAPEL FOR SEAMEN, BEING THE  
"BETHEL" OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
NEW ORLEANS.**

The undersigned, as chaplain, respectfully reports to the Bishop,  
as follows :

During the twelve months since the last annual Convention, he  
has sold and distributed gratuitously,

211 copies of the Bible in English.

300 " of the New Testament in English.

49 " of " " in French.

68 " of " " in German.

20 " of " " in Spanish.

9 " of " " in Italian.

He has also given away 35,000 pages of printed tracts,  
 172 Manuals of Prayer.  
 64 Books of Common Prayer.

And has sold 478 bound volumes of religious books in the English, German and French languages.

The ministerial duties performed during the same period have been as follows :

|                                   |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Burials,                          | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 215 |
| Baptisms, 190 children, 9 adults. | Total, | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 199 |
| Marriages,                        | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 109 |
| Confirmed,                        | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 28  |
| The Communicants are in number,   | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 106 |
| The Sunday Scholars are           | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 93  |
| Teachers,                         | .      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12  |

Divine service has been regularly held thrice on every Lord's day, and a weekly lecture has been delivered on each Friday night. The general attendance on the services has been of a most encouraging character. It has repeatedly happened that the present chapel has not been able to contain those seeking admission. Indeed the need of enlarged accommodations has been so obvious for many months, that the City Mission Society of New Orleans resolved some time since to solicit aid to purchase a proper site and to erect thereon a chapel of sufficient size. By the blessing of God their efforts have been so far successful that they have been able to secure an advantageous site, on which they have made all the cash payment that was required. The site purchased is the ground on Esplanade street on which the building now occupied as a chapel stands. It is to be remembered that the present place of worship is a large dwelling house, one floor of which was converted into a temporary chapel. Beside the ground occupied by this building, the lot contains ground enough for a chapel of sufficient dimensions to be placed by the side of the dwelling house, and to front, as that does, on Esplanade street.

The selection was made with reference to the future plans for the usefulness of the mission, which will now be briefly presented. Beside preaching the Gospel to seamen, experience has shown that for their moral and spiritual good, it is indispensable that two other particulars should not be lost sight of: 1st. Seamen who are christians, or disposed to be so, should be provided with a comfortable *boarding house*, where they will be free from temptations to excess, and where also they may be strengthened and encouraged in good resolutions. 2d. They should be provided with a suitable place for

which they may resort in the leisure of the evening, and find suitable books and papers wherewith to occupy the time. For this purpose a *reading room* is necessary. The undersigned has been too long a sailor himself not to be aware of the importance of these things. In purchasing the property above described, the plan of the City Mission Society is to construct the chapel along side of the dwelling house, making its basement story a reading room, and attaching to it also apartments for the chaplain. The dwelling house will then be restored to its original purpose and be made a sailor's home, to be under the care of a proper person, and the whole to be subject to the supervision of the chaplain, who will have every department directly under his eye. In the reading room will be placed a library and such newspapers as may be proper, for the gratuitous use of seamen in the evening. This is a brief outline of the plan. The chapel will be built as soon as possible. Some funds are in hands and more are promised, so that the undersigned has little doubt (should God spare his life,) of being able to report at the next Convention, that the whole plan has been successfully accomplished. It must not be forgotten that a part of the plan is to aid in sustaining the expenses of the Mission, by the rent that is paid for the dwelling house or sailor's home; and thus to secure perpetuity to the work of providing for the souls of seamen who may visit New Orleans. The Lord has thus wonderfully helped us, we will bless His holy name, and go forward.

CHARLES W. WHITALL,

Chaplain of the City Mission Society, to St. Peter's Chapel for Seamen, N. O.  
May 1st, 1848.

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It was then,

*Resolved*, that the Bishop's address, and Parochial Reports, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on Canons, recommended the adoption of the following Canon, as a substitute for first Canon, viz :

To entitle any new Parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, it is required of those forming said Parish, to conform to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Louisiana, entitled "an act providing for the organization of certain corporations in the State," and approved April, 30th, 1847; and such Parish, applying for admission, besides producing a duly certified record of their compliance with said act, shall also produce evidence of their having adopted resolutions declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the

General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, and also to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Which was accordingly adopted by the Convention, and the first Canon changed in conformity thereto.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Guion, it was

*Resolved*, that a Committee of five persons, be appointed by the President of the Convention, for the purpose of recommending such amendments, alterations, and additions to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese as the circumstances may seem to require, and to report the result of their deliberations at the next annual Convention: and with a view of aiding the Committee in arriving at a satisfactory result, the members of this Convention be requested to lay before the Chairman of the Committee in writing, at an early period of the year, a statement of their views and wishes in regard to any alterations in the Constitution and Canons that have already been proposed, or may hereafter suggest themselves, with a view of having our laws and regulations conform as far as possible to the changed condition of the affairs of the church in our own Diocese since its first organization.

When the President appointed Rev. Dr. Hawks, Mr. L. C. Duncan, Rev. Mr. Goodrich, John L. Lobdell, Mr. J. DalePowel, this Committee.

The Convention then took a recess until half past three o'clock in the afternoon, and again came to order at 4, P. M. When the Rev. Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Mallett, were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots of the members of the Convention for Delegates to the General Convention. After counting the votes it was found that the following persons were elected, viz:

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Dr. LACEY, | Hon. GEO. S. GUION,  |
| “ “ HAWKS,      | Mr. JOHN L. LOBDELL, |
| “ Mr. GUION,    | “ J. DALE POWEL,     |
| “ “ LAMON,      | Dr. J. P. DAVIDSON,  |

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, that when this Convention finally adjourns it shall be adjourned for the next annual Convention, to meet in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, on the second Wednesday after Easter next.

The proposition of Mr. P. M. Ozanne, submitted at last Convention, to amend the 1st Canon, by requiring that none but members of the church and communicants be eligible for the office of Lay Delegates to the Diocesan or General Convention, and every

Vestry of this Diocese shall have at least two thirds of its members communicants, including the Wardens, was taken up and rejected unanimously.

The proposition of the Rev. Mr. Guion, submitted at same time to amend the 3d Article of the Constitution, by striking out the words "have officiated six months," and insert the words "*be officiating*," and to amend the 8th Article of the Constitution, by inserting after the word proposed, "*and received*," were taken up, and adopted.

The communication of the Resolution of the General Convention, to the different Diocesan Conventions, proposing to strike out from the 1st Article of the Constitution of the General Convention, the words "first Wednesday in October," and inserting the words "*first Wednesday in September*" in their place, was placed before the Convention, and the consideration thereof, postponed until next Convention.

The Missionary Committee made their report as follows :

The Diocesan Missionary Committee respectfully report that during the past Conventional year, the following sums have been received and disbursements made.

|                                       |      |   |         |
|---------------------------------------|------|---|---------|
| From St. John's Church, Thibodeaux,   | .    | . | \$65 00 |
| " Grace " St. Francisville.           | .    | . | 70 00   |
| " a collection during the Convention, | .    | . | 70 00   |
|                                       |      |   | <hr/>   |
|                                       |      |   | \$205   |
| Paid to the Rev. Geo. B. Manser,      | \$75 | . | .       |
| Paid to the Rev. C. P. Clarke,        | 50   | . | 125     |
|                                       |      |   | <hr/>   |
| By balance in the Treasury.           |      |   | \$80.   |

N. O. PRESTON, *Chairman*.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Louisiana, submitted his account, and the same was referred to the Committee for auditing Treasurer's accounts.

The Treasurer of the Convention submitted his accounts and vouchers, and the same were referred to the same Committee.

An interesting verbal statement of the history of the commencement of the French Protestant Episcopal Church, of New Orleans, now in communion with the Convention, was made to the Convention, by Mr. Lucius C. Duncan, who also stated and showed the amount and value of the property owned by that church, in New Orleans, with the future prospects of usefulness and prosperity held out to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and the congregation who have, or may attach themselves to the same.

After which the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.



## GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE.

May, 5th, 1848.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock this morning, when the roll was called, the minutes of the former proceedings read, corrected, and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Burton, of the Diocese of Tennessee, appeared in Convention and took his seat as an honorary member.

The Committee on Treasurer's Reports, stated that they had examined the account and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and found the same correct, the Convention accepted the report and passed the account as follows.

*The DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY of Louisiana, in account with B. M. NORMAN, Treasurer,*

|               |                                                                                 |          |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1848. May 4.  | To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Manser, Bishop Polk's order to J. L. Lobdell, Esq.        | \$75 00  |
| " "           | To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Clarke, . . . . .                                         | 50 00    |
| " "           | To balance in Treasurer's hands, . . . . .                                      | 80 00    |
|               |                                                                                 | <hr/>    |
|               |                                                                                 | \$205 00 |
| 1848. Jan. 2. | By Cash received from the Rev. Mr. Sandels of St. John, Thibodeaux, . . . . .   | \$50 00  |
| " May 4.      | By Cash received from Rev. Mr. Lewis, Grace Church, St. Francisville, . . . . . | 140 00   |
| " "           | By Cash received from the Rev. Mr. Sandels of St. John's, Thibodeaux, . . . . . | 15 00    |
|               |                                                                                 | <hr/>    |
|               |                                                                                 | \$205    |
|               | By balance, . . . . .                                                           | \$80     |

*St. Francisville, May 4, 1848. B. M. NORMAN, Treasurer.*

The Committee on Treasurer's Reports also reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Convention and found the same correct, and recommended that they be audited and passed. The Convention accepted the report and passed the accounts, which are as follows, viz :

*Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Louisiana,*

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1847.     | To JOHN L. LOBDELL, Treasurer, Dr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |
| April 14. | To amount of balance due Treasurer, as per last Report,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$93 75 |
| June 1.   | To amount paid the Bishop, on account of travelling expenses for the year 1847. The quotas of St. Paul's Church, N. O. \$50; Christ Church, N. O. draft, \$100; St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, draft, \$35; Grace Church, St. Francisville, draft, \$35, and Church of the Annunciation, N. O. draft, \$25. See Receipt No. 1, | 245 00  |
| June 4.   | To amount paid B. M. Norman for publishing 600 copies of the Ninth Annual Convention, 1847. Receipt and bill, No. 2,                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 83 00   |

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. 20.  | To amount paid G. G. Van Wagner, Treasurer of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, U. S for the quota of the Diocese of Louisiana towards the Contingent Expenses of the General Convention for the year 1847, \$19; and the full quota of 1844, \$11; and special quota for 1844, \$5 50; in all, \$35 50. See receipt No. 3, | 35 50    |
|           | To amount transferred to fund in aid of superannuated ministers, their wives and children,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 99 00    |
| 1848.     | To amount transferred to the Episcopal Fund,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 00     |
| May 4.    | To amount transferred to superannuated ministers, their wives and children,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7 60     |
|           | To amount paid Bishop's travelling expenses, collected from St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge. Voucher No. 4,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 75 00    |
|           | To amount paid do. for do. from St. James', Baton Rouge, and St. James', Alexandria Voucher No. 5,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20 00    |
|           | To balance in hand towards publication and other expenses,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 102 75   |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$766 66 |
| 1847.     | CR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
| April 14. | By amount of publication fund from Grace Church, 1846, omitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$5 00   |
|           | By amount of publication fund from Grace Church, 1847,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 00    |
|           | By do. do. do. St. James', B. R. "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10 00    |
|           | By do. do. do. Annunciation, N. O. "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 00    |
|           | By do. do. do. St. Paul's, N. O. "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15 00    |
|           | By do. travelling expenses of Bishop for 1847, St. Paul's, N. O.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 50 00    |
|           | By amount of do. do. St. James', Baton Rouge,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15 00    |
|           | By do. on fund for superannuated ministers, their wives and children, from St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, collected in 1845,                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15 00    |
|           | By amount of do. do. from Grace Church, St. Francisville, 1845 and 1846,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 84 00    |
|           | By amount of do. Episcopal fund in support of the Bishop from Trinity Church, Natchitoches, 1846,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5 00     |
| June.     | By amount of drafts given to the Bishop on account of travelling expenses for the year 1847, viz: quota of Christ Church, N. O. \$100; Annunciation Church, N. O. \$25; St. John's Church, \$35, and Grace Church, St. Francisville, \$35,                                                                                                           | 195 00   |
| May 3.    | By amount of Christ Church, N. O. publication fund,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 120 00   |
|           | By do. Church of Annunciation, N. O. do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10 00    |
|           | By do. St. John's Church, W. B. Rouge, do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 30 00    |
|           | By do. do. do. do. travelling expenses of Bishop, up to 1848,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 75 00    |
|           | By amount do. collection of Orphan Fund,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7 60     |
|           | By do. St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, publication fund, 1848,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10 00    |
|           | By amount of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, travelling expenses, 1847,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 15 00    |
|           | By amount of Grace do. St. Francisville, pub. fund, 1848,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 15 00    |
|           | By do. St. John's do. Thibodeaux, do. do. '46, '47, '48,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 30 00    |
|           | By do. St. James' do. Alexandria, 1848,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 00    |
|           | By do. do. do. do. travelling expenses, 1847,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5 00     |
|           | By do. Trinity do. Natchitoches, publication fund, 1847 and 1848,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 00    |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$766 60 |

By balance on hand to pay Publications, &c. \$102 75

J. L. LOBDELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

**JOHN L. LOBDELL, Treasurer of the Convention of the Protestant  
1848. Episcopal Church, of Louisiana, Dr.**

|                                                                                                                  |          |
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| May 3. To amount of Fund to aid Superannuated Ministers, their<br>wives and children, received 14th April, 1847, | \$99 00  |
| To amount of interest on same for one year at 8 per cent.<br>per annum,                                          | 7 92     |
|                                                                                                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                                  | \$106 92 |
| To amount received, collections, 1847, from St. John's<br>Church, West Baton Rouge,                              | 7 60     |
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|                                                                                                                  | \$114 52 |

**JOHN L. LOBDELL, Treasurer of Convention of Protestant Episcopal  
1848. Church in Louisiana, Dr.**

|                                                                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| May 3. To amount of Fund in aid of the Episcopate in Louisiana,<br>received 14th April, 1847, | \$5 00 |
| To amount of interest on the same for one year, at 8 per<br>cent. per annum,                  | 40     |
|                                                                                               | <hr/>  |
|                                                                                               | \$5 40 |

**B. M. NORMAN, Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Society of La., Dr.  
1848. May 4. To balance on hand, as per account rendered,**

*Amount due on Publication Fund by the following Churches, viz :*

|                              |       |       |       |          |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| St. Mary's, Bayou Goula,     | 1846. | 1847. | 1848. | \$30 00  |
| St. Paul's, New Orleans,     | 1848. |       |       | 15 00    |
| Christ, Covington,           | 1847. | 1848. |       | 20 00    |
| Zion St. Martinsville,       | 1847. | 1848. |       | 20 00    |
| St. Luke's, Vermillionville, | 1847. | 1848. |       | 20 00    |
|                              |       |       |       | <hr/>    |
|                              |       |       |       | \$105 00 |

JOHN L. LOBDELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Churches have not taken up contributions for the fund, for Diocesan Missions, in conformity with the Canon :

|                                |       |      |       |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| St James' Church, Baton Rouge, | 1844. | 1845 | 1846. | 1847. |
| St. John's " W. Baton Rouge,   | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux,       | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| Trinity " Natchitoches,        | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| Annunciation " New Orleans,    | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| Christ " New Orleans,          | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's " New Orleans,      | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| St. James' " Alexandria,       | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| St. Mary's " Franklin,         | "     | "    | "     | "     |
| Christ " Covington,            | "     | "    | "     | "     |

The following Churches have not taken up contributions, for the fund to aid Superannuated Ministers, their wives and children, in conformity with the Canon and resolutions.

|                                 |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, | 1845. | 1846. | 1847. |
| St. John's " W. Baton Rouge,    | "     | "     | "     |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux,        | "     | "     | "     |
| Trinity " Natchitoches,         | "     | "     | "     |

|                                   |                | 1845. | 1846. | 1847. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Annunciation Church, New Orleans, |                |       |       |       |
| Christ                            | " New Orleans, | "     | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's                        | " New Orleans, | "     | "     | "     |
| St. James'                        | " Alexandria,  | "     | "     | "     |
| St. Mary's                        | " Franklin,    | "     | "     | "     |
| Christ                            | " Covington,   | "     | "     | "     |

The following Churches have not taken up contributions for the fund, in aid of the Episcopate, in conformity with the Canon and resolutions.

|                                 |                     | 1846. | 1847. |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, |                     |       |       |
| St. John's                      | " W. Baton Rouge,   | "     | "     |
| Grace                           | " St. Francisville, | "     | "     |
| St. John's                      | " Thibodeaux,       | "     | "     |
| Trinity                         | " Natchitoches,     | "     | "     |
| Annunciation                    | " New Orleans,      | "     | "     |
| Christ                          | " New Orleans,      | "     | "     |
| St. Paul's                      | " New Orleans,      | "     | "     |
| St. James'                      | " Alexandria,       | "     | "     |
| St. Mary's                      | " Franklin,         | "     | "     |
| Christ                          | " Covington         | "     | "     |

The Committee on Assessments, made their report on the assessments from the different churches, in support of the Episcopate, that five per centum ought to be collected from each church in communion with the Convention, on the amount of which they gave to their respective Rectors, which would amount to the following sums, viz .

|                                     |           |            |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Christ Church, New Orleans—Salary   | \$7000,   | Assessment | \$350  |
| St. Paul's " " "                    | 2000,     | "          | 100    |
| Grace " " "                         | 1500,     | "          | 75     |
| French Protestant Church, N. O. " " | 1500,     | "          | 75     |
| Annunciation " " "                  | 1200,     | "          | 60     |
| Grace Church, St. Francisville, " " | 1200,     | "          | 60     |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux, " "        | 1000,     | "          | 50     |
| St. John's " W. Baton Rouge, " "    | 1000,     | "          | 50     |
| St. Mary's " Franklin, " "          | 1000,     | "          | 50     |
| St. James' " Alexandria, " "        | 1000,     | "          | 50     |
| Trinity " Natchitoches, " "         | 800,      | "          | 40     |
| St. James' " Baton Rouge, " "       | 600,      | "          | 30     |
| Christ " Covington, " "             | 600,      | "          | 30     |
|                                     | <hr/>     |            |        |
|                                     | \$20,400. |            | \$1020 |

The report was accepted and adopted by the Convention, and the Secretary authorized to draw on the aforesaid churches in favor of the Bishop, for their respective quotas of said assessment.

*Resolved*, that the bill of B. M. Norman, for printing the second set of Journals of 1847, be referred to the Secretary, and he be authorized to settle the same on equitable principles.

*Resolved*, that the Standing Committee's powers to employ an

agent to collect funds for the Episcopate be continued, and they are requested to employ an agent between this and the next Convention, if they shall consider it expedient.

The Committee on the State of the Church, made their report as follows, viz :

The Committee on the State of the Church, cannot better commence their report, for the year that is just past, than by an expression of heartfelt thankfulness to our heavenly father, for the privilege afforded them of offering to their brethren their congratulations on the cheering aspect of our ecclesiastical affairs.

At no period since we have been a diocese have our prospects been so encouraging as they are at present. It is not our purpose to enter particularly into a detail of our church statistics ; as these will all appear in their appropriate places on the Journal of the Convention ; but we may say in general terms, that ever since the election of our present beloved diocesan, we have been making steady and rapid advancement, and that within less than four years last past our parochial clergy have doubled in number, and our congregations have nearly trebled. Six new church edifices have been erected, and funds have been provided in whole or in part for four more. Our diocese is in perfect harmony, and our people, we may safely say, are becoming more and more alive to their spiritual interests. To this we may add, from the best information we can obtain, that had we but the ministering brethren to employ, your Committee fully believe that with God's blessing on our labors, another three years work would show us not less than forty fully organized and prosperous congregations in the diocese. For these things we desire to be thankful and to say "Not unto us, O Lord ? not unto us, but unto thy name" be the praise; but we must not conceal that a wide field yet lies before us ; we have but entered on our work, and the field is as peculiar as it is wide. The unrivalled fertility of our soil is attracting and must long continue to attract within our borders, men of almost all climes and of almost every variety of habits. Many of those thus brought in, are churchmen, whose former habits of life were widely different, and whose greatest, if not only resemblance is to be found in their attachment to the use of our devotional formularies, and to the doctrines of our "dear mother, the Church." These have to be sought out, and there is no common mode by which all may alike be approached ; the peculiarities of each must be consulted, and it requires all the

skill, to be acquired from practice only, to fuse the discordant materials into one homogeneous mass. Hence our want of a ministry reared among us. We mean no disrespect when we say that there are many excellent, nay eminent clerical brethren in other parts of our country who would be useless here. We must commence, and that soon, the work of preparing our own youths for the work of the ministry, for we must grow with the population. Of the whole population of our State, black and white, (almost 400,000,) New Orleans contains considerably more than one third, and of the *white* population more than one half; it will be seen therefore how widely our people are scattered out of the city, and how small comparatively is, as yet, their number; now therefore is the time for us to make our most vigorous exertions to keep pace with the increase of the people. We must if possible grow as they grow. And here a word may not inappropriately be said of our black population, comprising one half of the State. We have neither time nor inclination here to enter into controversy with those who without ever having seen our actual condition, undertake to settle questions which *we* know they do not understand. Our purpose rather is to call attention to the fact, in speaking of the state of the church, that we are not unmindful of this class. The reports of the Rev. Mr. Wall, and the Rev. Mr. Lamon, read at this Convention, and the statements of our Rev. brother from Alexandria, Mr. McCoy, may serve to show this. We are well aware however that much more yet remains to be done, and we know that there is no opposition to its being done in a proper manner. We have reason to believe that our diocesan is quite alive to the importance of the duty devolving on the church in this matter, that in his visitations it is never lost sight of, and that we are one and all honestly anxious to do all that our present infant state will permit.

This brief view is sufficient to show how wide the field is before us. In what spirit should we enter on the work? In the spirit of one willing to suffer many privations in the cause of Christ; in the spirit of one feelingly, nay tremblingly alive to the immeasurable importance of saving one soul through the blood of Christ; in the spirit of humility and prayer and love. We bless God that we believe this spirit has warmed the hearts of our clerical brethren heretofore, otherwise we should not have seen the cheering results over which we have called on the church in Louisiana to rejoice. We are made glad by the well founded hope that such a spirit will animate them to a renewed effort. They will not be laggards in the

master's work ; they will faithfully, fearlessly and plainly preach the unsearchable riches of Christ ; they will labour to produce spirituality of heart in themselves and their hearers ; trusting themselves in that Christ whom they preach to others, they will not think that a mere accession of numbers constitutes the true growth of the church, unless they be numbers "of such as shall be saved." And doing all this, will the laity be backward in the duties they owe the church ? Never ; such conduct on the part of the clergy will, with the spirit's help, make a godly laity ; and they will show their zeal by thankfully deeming it a privilege to give both of their time and substance, when needed, to the Lord : they will not be heard saying, "it is mine alabaster box of ointment, exceeding precious, I cannot break it, though it is wanted to anoint my Savior's head ;" for they will love Christ and Christ's ministers who do the master's work faithfully. Let all pray, ministers and people ; let them ask for spiritualized affections, to be expressed not in the extravagancies of a wild enthusiasm, but in the chastened sobriety of deep, devoted fervor, in which saints of old, martyrs and confessors, breathed forth their supplications and prayers, and which have been transmitted to us as a rich legacy, written as it were with the very blood of Christ's early children, when

" Persecution dragged them into fame,  
And chased them up to Heaven."

In one word let all pray for the spread of the Gospel of Christ in the Church of Christ. "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS.  
WM. R. NICHOLSON.  
IRA SMITH.

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The Convention then took a recess, it being 11 o'clock in the morning, to attend the religious exercises of the day, when the services were said by the Rev. Mr. Giles, of the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Kerr, of the same Diocese, after which a Sermon on Education was preached by the Rev. Mr. Sandals, of St. John's church, Thibodeaux, to a large and attentive congregation. The Rev. Spencer Wall was ordained to the Priest-

hood, and the communion administered to the clergy, laity and congregation, after which the Convention came to order. On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Journals of the Convention be published under the direction and superintendence of the Secretary.

When the Education Committee made their report as follows :

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report that they have no reason to suppose that the cause of sound learning, under the auspices of the church, has lost ground during the past year. Some changes however have taken place, as will be seen in this report.

#### DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

From the Southern Institute for Young Ladies, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Lacey, at Jackson, the Committee have had no report. This we presume is to be attributed to sickness in his household, which has (as we are informed) prevented the Rev. Rector from being present with us at this Convention. We are not however without the most gratifying intelligence (derived from other sources) of the continued usefulness and prosperity of the Institution. The Bishop in his address informs us that for several days he attended the examination of the pupils of the Institute, and he bears, as might be expected, ample testimony to the merits of the school, and unqualifiedly recommends it as being quite equal in the advantages it affords to any other with which he is acquainted.

From the Diocesan School for boys at Baton Rouge, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Burke, the Committee has received the following report.

#### *To the Board of Education :*

The undersigned begs leave to assure the Board that it is not without great regret he has determined to discontinue all further connection with a boarding school of boys.

He prefers as more easily governed, and affording more time for his clerical duties, a day school for girls, in which he proposes, with able assistants, and under the auspices of the church, to impart instruction to a limited number of young ladies, in ancient and modern languages, arithmetic, mathematics, and the accomplishments which are taught in the best female institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BURKE.



It will hence be perceived that though, for the present, we are without a diocesan school for boys, yet we have not lost Mr. Burke's labours in the cause of christian education.

It affords the Committee however great pleasure to call the attention of the Convention to the establishment of the following new schools. From Thibodeaux the Committee have this report :

A school for boys has been established at Thibodeaux, under the supervision of the church, by a gentleman of great experience and high qualifications. It is in contemplation to build a school house on the church lot. The school is in a very flourishing condition, and promises to do much for the cause of sound education in that section of Louisiana.

The following is furnished from the Parish of Rapides.

*To the Education Committee :*

In the Parish of Rapides an effort is in progress to establish in the Cotile pine woods a female seminary, toward which twelve hundred dollars have been subscribed, and in part paid. It is supposed that the school will open on or near the first of June next.

Some measures have been taken to establish a male school in Bayou Bœuf pine woods, and the design is to open a school there in the course of this year, if possible.

AMOS D. McCOY,

*Rector of St. James' Church, Parish of Rapides.*

The Female Seminary in New Orleans, has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Van Nooten, by yellow fever, during the late epidemic. The School however is continued by Mrs. Van Nooten, who is eminently qualified to conduct it. She is assisted by a sufficient number of competent teachers, among whom Miss Hull is still to be found. The number of pupils is more than a hundred, and the school deservedly possesses the confidence of the community. The daily devotions and religious instruction of the school have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Lafayette. The institution is still under the general supervision of the Rev. Dr. Hawks.

The boy's school under the Rev. Mr. Fay, and Mr. Hare, has been discontinued.

From Natchitoches your Committee have the following report :

The school at Natchitoches which has been conducted by the Rector's wife for more than three years, is discontinued from the first instant, in consequence of the anticipated removal of the Rector's family to a neighboring district, where a more inviting and extended field is in prospect. Among the reasons which have led to this change is the diminution of pupils, caused by the establishment of a convent in our town. The success which has already attended this and other similar institutions, which are extending themselves far and wide throughout our land, admonishes us of the necessity of exerting ourselves in the establishment of parochial and diocesan schools, in which our own youth may be instructed in the branches of education uncontaminated with the dangerous and destructive principles inculcated by the emissaries of Rome.

*Natchitoches, May, 1848.*

E. GUION.

Your Committee would now respectfully ask the attention of the Convention to a subject, in their view, of primary importance ; it is the commencement without further delay of an effort to establish an institution to afford preparatory and collegiate training for the children of churchmen particularly, with a theological course for such as may desire it. We are well aware that this is a work which must be accomplished by degrees, but if never commenced, it will never be accomplished at all. The plan should embrace a preparatory school and a college. In the latter, a very full and thorough course of the practical application of the sciences to the the useful purposes of life should be included.

It is not possible within the limits of this report to go into particulars as to the plan, but it will form a fit subject for consideration by the Education Committee, and we would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, that the Education Committee be instructed to devise and report to the next convention, some plan for the establishment and support of a preparatory school and college, to be under the control of the church in the diocese ; and that they be authorized to secure such funds and donations as they can for this object.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,  
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The resolution of the Education Committee was adopted.

It was then

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Whitall for his sermon on Ordination, to the Rev. Mr. Nicholson for his sermon on Missions, and to the Rev. Mr. Sandals for his sermon on Education.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Grace church, St. Francisville, for the use of their church on this occasion, and also to the good people of this Parish for the kindness and hospitality with which they have received and entertained the members of this Convention.

The Convention then, after singing one of the hymns of the collection, and the usual prayers, adjourned sine die.

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### Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

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The Convention shall be composed of both clergymen and laymen. All ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who shall be officiating in some Parish in the State; Clerical Instructors of youth, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, who have been residents in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three lay delegates; and if it consists of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, or either of them, or by the Secretary of the said Vestry, or the Rector of the parish, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether clerical or lay, from one-half of the Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: but a smaller number may adjourn.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The clergy and the laity shall deliberate in one body, in all cases not hereinafter provided for; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide, the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

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## ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner ; at least four weeks before the Convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the clergy and laity shall vote separately ; the clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person for that office : Whereupon such choice shall be communicated to the lay delegates ; and if, on ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

## ARTICLE VII.

Delegates to the General Convention shall be appointed, and shall continue in office during the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention ; but in case of vacancy by death or resignation, a substitute or substitutes may be appointed by the Bishop ; or if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The Constitution shall not be subject to alteration, except at the annual meeting of the Convention ; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and received at a previous meeting.

## Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

## C A N O N I.

## OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

To entitle any new Parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, it is required of those forming said Parish, to conform to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Louisiana entitled " an act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State," and approved April 30th, 1847 ; and such Parish, applying for admission, besides producing a duly certified record of their compliance with said act, shall also produce evidence of their having adopted resolutions declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.

## CANON II.

## OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday ; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who contribute annually to the support of the ministry, shall be entitled to vote.

## CANON III.

## OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every Parish, to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually, and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Standing Committee to pay for publishing the Journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each Parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the Journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention, shall contain a statement of the sums received, the Parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended. The Secretary to have the Journals published and ready for distribution within sixty days after adjournment of the convention, and the delegates from each parish are required to furnish the Secretary with written directions how, and where to transmit their respective copies, and no Parish shall be entitled to receive the Journals, unless the amount required by Canon shall have been paid.

## CANON IV.

## OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Every Minister shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The Record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors ; the name of the adult baptized ; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry ; and in case of a vacancy, by the senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the Minister, to present to the annual Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals within his cure ; together with the number of Communicants ; distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the Parish.

## CANON V.

## OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing a President and Secretary ; the latter of whom



shall keep a record of all the transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President ; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

## CANON VI.

### OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper ; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of the vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

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## Resolutions Passed in the Convention.

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The Bishop of the Diocese is authorized to admit to deacon's orders, under Canon 6th of the General Convention of 1844, such persons as may apply for the same, and shall, to his satisfaction and to that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, comply with the requirements of the said 6th Canon.

There shall be a Board of Education of five or more persons, annually chosen by the Convention, of which Board the Bishop of the Diocese shall always be ex-officio chairman, and to this Board shall be confided the supervision of the work of Education in the church.

The Board shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of holding the Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on the interests of Education, and shall present to the Convention a report of the state of the schools connected with the church in this Diocese. At every such annual meeting, the Board shall cause a sermon or address to be delivered on the subject of Education, the preacher or speaker having been appointed at least three months previously.

Any of the parochial clergy may proceed to the formation of parochial or other schools, if they deem it expedient, reporting their proceedings therein to the Board of Education, to be laid before the next Convention, subject to the controlling action of that body.

Teachers to parochial schools shall be chosen by the Board of Education, upon the nomination of the Bishop, and shall be removable by the Board with the approbation of the Bishop. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Board shall have power to act alone in appointments and removals.

The Bishop shall be ex-officio visitor of all schools in the Diocese that are connected with the church. He shall also prescribe the religious services to be used in said schools, and together with the Board designate the books to be studied on all matters appertaining to the doctrine, ritual and government of the church.

Whenever an individual is desirous of establishing a private literary institution in this Diocese, under the direction of the church, he shall make his desire known to the Bishop, who on being satisfied with his or her qualifications, and with the locality of the proposed school, shall license him or her, and shall appoint three discreet Episcopalians as visitors of the establishment. It shall be the duty of such visitors to visit the school at least once a quarter, and examine the pupils and government thereof. They shall report to the Board of Education at each annual Convention, and to the Bishop oftener, if necessary, the true condition of the school, and endeavor generally to promote its true interest and efficiency.

The Rectors of the several Parishes in this Diocese are to take up collections in their several churches on Christmas day of each year, in aid of superannuated clergymen, their wives and children, and report the annual amount of the same to each annual Convention thereafter.

Each minister in this Diocese having a church in charge, is to procure annual contributions to the Episcopal fund, either by making a collection or otherwise, as he may deem best. The Wardens in each Parish are to open a book for the subscription of money in hand or in annual instalments, at the option of the subscribers, and also for obtaining donations in hand or in any other species of property; and such books, together with a report of any other collections for said fund, shall be laid before the Convention at their annual meetings by the respective clergymen of each Parish.

Every clergyman in charge of a Parish in the Diocese, shall hereafter furnish at each annual Convention, to the Education Committee a statement in writing of what is being done in his Parish, in the work of Education under the auspices of the church.

A sermon on missions shall be preached at the annual meetings of the Convention, with particular reference to the support of missions in the Diocese. The preacher to be appointed by the Bishop.

Every clergyman in charge of a Parish in this Diocese, shall hereafter take up a collection in his church annually on or near Epiphany, for the aid of Diocesan missions, and report the same to the next Convention thereafter.

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### Rules of Order.

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I. At the opening of any session of the Convention, the President shall take the Chair, and shall continue to preside during the sitting. He shall possess the usual powers of presiding officers in deliberative assemblies, to preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. He shall have the right to name any clerical member to perform the duties of

the Chair ; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, unless directed by the House. The person so named shall possess all the powers of the President, but shall not lose the right of voting while so presiding.

II. If the Secretary of the preceding Convention be in attendance, he shall officiate as such until another be chosen. If he be not present, a temporary Secretary may be appointed, on motion, by a viva voce vote.

III. After the Chair being taken by the President, the Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the journals those who are present. Notice shall then be given to the lay deputies to place their certificates on the table. They shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members, to be appointed by the President. Any irregular or defective certificate shall be suspended until a quorum shall have appeared. The names of the lay deputies, duly appointed shall then be called, and those who are present shall be entered on the journal. The irregular and defective certificates shall then be reported to the Convention, who shall decide on the admission of the deputies named in them.

IV. A constitutional quorum being found to be present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

V. A Secretary shall then be chosen for the Convention. He may appoint an assistant, who shall perform all the duties of the office in the absence of the Secretary.

VI. The President shall then appoint the following Committees to wit :

1. Committee on new Parishes.
2. " " Elections.
3. " " State of the Church.
4. " " Canons.
5. " " Reports and Accounts of Treasurers.
6. " " Unfinished Business.
7. " " Incorporations.
8. " " Assessments.
9. " to present names for Standing Committee.
10. " " " " " Deputies to General Convention.
11. " " " " " Trustees of General Theological Seminary.
12. " " " " " Missionary Committee.
13. " " " " " Education Committee.

VII. The Delegates to come prepared with quotas of Publication Fund, and support of the Bishop.

VIII. After daily morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows.

1. The reading, correcting, and approving of the minutes of the preceding day.

2. calling the names of absent members, and entering on the Journal those who appear.

3. Reports from the various Committees.

4. Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous business.

IX. The Bishop's Address shall be in order at any time.

X. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

XI. No motion shall be put or debated, unless it is seconded ; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, when required by the President, or any member.

XII. If the question in debate contain several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

XIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to postpone it indefinitely ; to postpone it to a certain time ; to lay it on the table ; to commit it, or amend it ; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. But a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate ; and if it be negatived, it shall not be renewed until some new business has intervened.

XIV. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

XV. On a question being put by the President, it shall be determined by the sound of the voices, for or against it ; but any member may require a count of the votes, and tellers for that purpose shall be appointed by the Chair ; or any three votes may, previous to a decision by counts, require the ayes and noes to be taken, which shall be done by calling clerical members and the churches represented, and the vote shall be entered on the journal.

XVI. Any five votes may require the ayes and noes, to be taken by orders, and when so taken they shall be entered on the minutes.

XVII. No member may speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

XVIII. A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the votes of the Convention, nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on a prior decision : nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

XIX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot, and the Secretary of the Convention, all Standing Committees, and the Delegates to the General Convention, shall be appointed by ballot, unless the House shall unanimously direct otherwise.

XX. No standing rule or order shall be suspended, changed, or rescinded, without one day's previous notice of a motion to that effect, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the persons present entitled to vote.

XXI. Before the final adjournment of any session of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved.



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19th April, 1849.

The Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.

Bishop of the Diocese, residing near Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.

Rev. JOHN BENSON, Missionary in West Baton Rouge.

Rev. JOHN BURKE, Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge

Rev. WILLIAM H. BURTON, Officiating at New Iberia.

Rev. CHARLES P. CLARKE, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, City of Lafayette.

Rev. FREDERICK DEAN, Minister of St. Peter's Church, and Missionary in the Parish of Point Coupée, Morganzia.

Rev. CHARLES FAY.

Rev. JAMES A. FOX, President of Jefferson College, State of Mississippi.

Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

Rev. E. GUION, Principal Rapides Female Seminary, near Alexandria.

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Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana.

Rev. SAMUEL G. LITTON, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Franklin, Parish of St. Mary.

Rev. AMOS D. MCCOY, Rector of St. James' Church, Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.

Rev. WILLIAM E. NICHOLSON, Rector of Grace Church, New Orleans.

Rev. THOMAS D. OZANNE, Minister of Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans.

Rev. NATHANIEL O. PRESTON, Rector of the Church of Annunciation, New Orleans.

Rev. RODERICK RANNEY, Missionary to the Pilots and their Families, Balize, Parish of Plaquemines.

Rev. JOHN SANDALS, Rector of St. John's Parish, Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.

Rev. WILLIAM STEELE, Missionary in the Parish of Caddo.

Rev. W. C. STOUT, Missionary in the State of Arkansas.

Rev. SPENCER WALL, Minister of a Colored Congregation, Parish of Lafourche Interior.

Rev. CHARLES W. WHITALL, Missionary of the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans.



## LIST OF PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.

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| ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Baton Rouge.      | ANNUNCIATION CHURCH, New Orleans. |
| ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge. | CHRIST CHURCH, "                  |
| GRACE CHURCH, St. Francisville.      | GRACE CHURCH, "                   |
| ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bayou Goula.      | PROTESTANTE FRANCAISE, "          |
| CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,          | ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, "              |
| City of Lafayette.                   | CHRIST CHURCH, Covington.         |
| ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Thibodeux.        | ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Alexandria.    |
| ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Vermillionville.  | ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Franklin.      |
| TRINITY CHURCH, Natchitoches.        | ZION'S CHURCH, St. Martinville.   |

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## MISSIONARY STATIONS.

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| ASCENSION CHURCH, Donaldsonville. | BETHEL CHURCH, Esplanade st., N. Orleans. |
| ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Shreveport.   | ———, New Iberia.                          |
| ———, Lake Providence.             | ———, Balize.                              |
| ———, Opelousas.                   | Colored Congregation, Lafourche Interior. |
| GRACE CHURCH, Munroe.             | ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Morganzia.            |

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NEW ORLEANS, *Wednesday, April 18th, 1849.*

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Louisiana, divine service was celebrated in Christ Church.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, assisted by the Rev. FREDERICK DEAN, and a sermon preached by the Rev. NATH'L O. PRESTON. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., assisted by the Rev. WM. R. NICHOLSON.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese being indisposed, the Convention was called to order by the Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D., L. L. D., when, upon motion, it was *ordered* that the Rev. WM. B. LACEY, D. D., be appointed Chairman *pro tem.*, and the Rev. NATH'L O. PRESTON be appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were then received by the Secretary. The list of names of clergy and laity having been called over, the following members answered and took their seats:

OF THE CLERGY—

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. JOHN BURKE,   | Rev. WM. B. LACEY, D. D. |
| “ CHAS. P. CLARKE. | “ WM. R. NICHOLSON,      |
| “ FREDERICK DEAN,  | “ THOS. D. OZANNE,       |

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH,                      Rev. NATH'L O. PRESTON,  
 " F. L. HAWKS, D. D., L. L. D.      " CHAS. W. WHITALL,

AND OF THE LAITY—

From Grace Church, St. Francisville ; J. DALE POWELL.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Lafayette ; T. A. BARTLETT.

Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans ;—

MUSGROVE EVANS, G. M. MALLET.

Christ Church, New Orleans ;—

CHAS. HARROD, AMBROSE LANFEAR, JAS. GRIMSHAW.

Grace Church, New Orleans ;—

THOS. I. DIX, SAM'L H. TURNER.

Eglise Protestante Française, New-Orleans ;—

G. B. DUNCAN.

St. Paul's Church, New Orleans ;—W. R. NORCUM.

A constitutional quorum not being found present, the Convention adjourned to meet in this Church to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

NEW ORLEANS, *Thursday, April 19th, 1849.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Additional certificates of Lay Delegates being received, and the list of names having been called, the following new members answered and took their seats :

OF THE CLERGY—

Rev. AMOS D. MCCOY.

AND OF THE LAITY—

From St. John's Church, Thibodcaux ; Hon. G. S. GUION.

Grace Church, New Orleans ; A. P. CLEVELAND.

Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans ;—

LUCIUS C. DUNCAN.

The Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH and Hon. GEO. S. GUION were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, upon whose report, the following Parishes were found to be duly represented :

*St. John's Church*, Thibodeaux ;  
*St. James' Church*, Baton Rouge ;  
*Church of the Holy Trinity*, City of Lafayette ;  
*St. Paul's Church*, New Orleans ;  
*Christ Church*, do.  
*Grace Church*, do,  
*St. James' Church*, Parish of Rapides ;  
*L'Eglise Protestante Française*, New Orleans ;  
*Church of the Annunciation*, do.  
*Grace Church*, St. Francisville.

A quorum being found present, the Rev. WM. B. LACEY, D. D., was nominated by the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D. and by a unanimous vote was elected President of the Convention. The Rev. NATH'L O. PRSETON was unanimously elected Secretary, in the place of John L. Lobdell, Esq. who declined a re-election, whereupon the Convention was duly organized and proceeded to business.

In accordance with the 6th Rule of Order, the President appointed the following Committees :

*Committee on Parishes.*

Rev. C. P. CLARKE, THOMAS I. DIX, Esq.

*Committee on Elections.*

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH, Hon. GEO. S. GUION.

*Committee on the State of the Church.*

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH, Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,  
 " AMOS D. McCOY, " J. DALE POWEL.

*Committee on Canons.*

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH, Rev. AMOS D. McCOY,  
 Mr. J. DALE POWEL.

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*Committee on Reports and Accounts of Treasurer.*

Mr. LUCIUS C. DUNCAN. Mr. GILES M. MALLETT.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*

Rev. W. R. NICHOLSON. Rev. CHS. W. WHITALL.

*Committee on Incorporations.*

L. C. DUNCAN, GEO. S. GUION, A. LANFEAR.

*Committee on Assessments.*

Rev. W. R. NICHOLSON, Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,  
Mr. GEO. S. GUION.

Dr. Hawks proposed the following change in the 2d Article of the Constitution, to wit : Annex to the first sentence—

“ Provided, that in case of the prevalence of epidemic disease, or for other urgent cause, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall have power to alter the place of meeting, and give due notice of the same.”

And in the first sentence, instead of “ at such time and place,” insert, “ on the 2d Wednesday in May in each and every year, at such place.”

On motion, *ordered*, that the proposed alteration be referred to the Committee on Canons. This Committee reported that the proposed change be laid over for the action of the next Convention.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hawks; after which, the Convention was immediately called to order, and resumed its business.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church not belonging to the Diocese, be admitted to seats in the Convention as honorary members.

The Rev. A. P. Merrill, of the Diocese of Mississippi, appeared and took his seat in Convention under the above resolution.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS.**

*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :—*

In the events of the last ecclesiastical year, we find much to excite our gratitude to the Author of all our Mercies, and we are yet not without our chastisements.

No one of the number of our clergy has been taken from us by death, and but few of the members of the laity. How long we may be able to hold this language is at all times a matter of uncertainty, but especially at a time when God having spoken to the old world in tones not to be mistaken, now turns to the new, and, addressing himself through the medium of one of his sore judgments, demands of us to "hear the rod and who hath appointed it." The scourge of the nations is upon us, and we may well expect to be called upon to bear our part in the calamities with which our people generally will be most probably visited. Our sins, national, social, and personal, have ascended up before God, and justly provoked the wrath and indignation which is so significantly expressed by the pestilence now prevalent among us. In view of this visitation, I have, in pursuance of the Canon, set forth a form of prayer, which I have caused to be distributed over the diocese for general use, but especially to be incorporated with, and used as a part of, the public services in the churches; and we earnestly hope, that our humiliation and prayers may be unaffectedly true, and sincere, and, that through the mediation of Him "who ever liveth to make intercession for us," the anger of Almighty God may be turned from us, and we spared to amend our ways according to his holy word.

The presence of the pestilence above alluded to, together with the unexampled floods in all our rivers, has so deranged and obstructed the thoroughfares of travel, especially at that season usually devoted to the visitation of the diocese, that I have this year been compelled to forego a portion of that duty—and have consequently less to report than usual.

My episcopal acts and other proceedings, since my last report to the Convention, have been as follows :

On Friday, the 5th of May, I admitted the Rev. Spencer Wall, Deacon, to the order of the Priesthood, in Grace Church, St. Francisville, at which time I also administered the Holy Communion and confirmed eight persons.

On Saturday, the 6th, I held service at the Chapel of the Southern Institute, at Jackson, at which time I confirmed six of the pupils of that institution. In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed one other person in the village, privately, he being too unwell to be present at the Chapel.

It gives me pleasure to state, that this Church institution still maintains its high reputation for thorough instruction, and sound moral and religious culture, though its patronage is far below its claims upon the confidence and support of those who have access to its advantages.

On Sunday, 7th, I preached at St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, and confirmed four white persons in the morning. In the afternoon, after service, I confirmed nine colored persons.

On Monday, 8th, I held service at St. James' Church, East Baton Rouge, and confirmed five persons. At the same service I baptized one infant.

On Sunday, the 14th, I preached in St. James' Parish, Alexandria, in the morning, and confirmed thirteen persons. I also preached at night to a colored congregation in the same parish.

At Morganza, in the Parish of Point Coupée, I met by appointment, the Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Lamon, and Dean, with whose aid, I held services, for three successive days, ending on Sunday the 21st May. The effect of these services we had reason to believe were decidedly beneficial, and issued in the organization of what I have no doubt will prove a well established country congregation. To the supervision and pastoral care of this congregation, I have appointed the Rev. Mr. Dean.

On Monday, the 22d May, I held an ordination in the Parish of St. John, West Baton Rouge, at which, after service and a sermon by the Rev. D. S. Lewis, I admitted Mr. John Benson to the order of Deacons.

On the 2d Sunday after Trinity, I preached in the Seaman's Bethel in New Orleans.

On the 3d Sunday after Trinity, I assisted in the services at St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On the 5th Sunday after Trinity, I addressed a colored congregation on the Lafourche, at which time I administered the Holy Communion.

On the 13th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated at East Pascagoula.

On the 17th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, and catechised the children of that parish.

On the 19th Sunday after Trinity, I preached to a colored congregation on the Lafourche.

On the 20th Sunday after Trinity, I read the service and preached in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On the 4th Sunday in Advent, I preached to the colored congregation of the Rev. Mr. Sandels, on the Lafourche, and confirmed twenty-six persons.

On Monday, the 15th January, I read the service, preached, and attended a funeral in the Parish of Assumption.

On the 4th Sunday after Epiphany, I preached at Grace Church, New Orleans.

On Septuagesima Sunday, I preached at the Seaman's Bethel, New Orleans, in the morning, and in the afternoon held service at Algiers.

On the 1st Sunday in Lent, I officiated on the Lafourche.

On the 1st Sunday after Easter, I preached in Christ Church, New Orleans in the morning, and confirmed eleven persons.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached at the Seaman's Bethel, in the same city, and confirmed sixteen persons.

At night, of the same day, I preached at Grace Church, New Orleans, and confirmed thirteen persons.

From the above, it will be perceived that I have baptized one infant and attended one funeral. I have held eleven confirmations, at which I have confirmed one hundred and twelve persons. I have ordained one Deacon and one Priest.

Of the clerical changes in the Diocese, I have to report that I have received the Rev. W. H. Burton into this Diocese by letters dimissory from the Diocese of Tennessee, and I have transferred by similar letters, the Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., to the Diocese of Connecticut; and the Rev. Alexander McLeod and the Rev. Wm. J. Lynde, to the Diocese of Mississippi.

The present number of candidates for orders is one, Mr. Henry T. Lee.

The Rev. Mr. Burton has taken charge of Zion Church, St. Martinsville, and a Missionary station at New Iberia, on the River Teche.

No change has occurred in the field of labour of the Clergy.



The Schools for the education of the young, under the care and patronage of the Diocese, are all in a sound and healthy condition. Among those for boys, I feel specially warranted in bringing to the notice of the Convention, that of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, which merits high commendation for the subordination and decorum of the youth who compose it, and the thoroughness and efficiency of the instruction imparted.

To the list of those devoted to the instruction of girls, has been added that of the Rapides Female Seminary, under the special care of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. James' Alexandria. This Seminary is under the supervision of the Rev. E. Guion, and is, at this early period of its career, well sustained with a liberal patronage. More ample accommodations are in a process of construction, which, when finished, will enable the efficient corps of teachers employed in its service greatly to extend its means of usefulness. It purposes to impart the most liberal education usually sought for females.

Upon such schools must depend the hope of the Church for a wise and judicious training of the young; and we should not rest satisfied until they are multiplied, more or less, over the whole Diocese. In order to this, we have the means in our hands, and we need only to will it.

The state of the Diocese is that of gradual, but steady and safe, progress.

Our pulpits are less numerous than we could wish, for meeting the wants of the increasing population, and an advancing Church-extension; but from those we have, we hear nothing but clear and explicit statements of the great doctrines of the cross, as taught in our Bibles, and set forth in their plain and obvious sense in those standards, which have come down to us from the Reformation.

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On Motion, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Canons be continued with a view of reporting at the next Convention.

Dr. Hawks resigned as a member of that Committee, and the Rev. Amos D. McCoy was elected to fill the vacancy.

On Motion, the Rev. Charles Goodrich was appointed Chairman of the above Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Convention has heard with profound regret of the death (under circumstances of the most melancholy and painful character) of David Chambers, Esq. of the Parish of East Baton Rouge; and that the Convention sincerely deplore the loss the Church has sustained, in the removal of a member of eminent personal worth, and who gave promise of extensive usefulness in the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That, as a further expression of the feelings of this Convention of respect for the memory of the deceased Mr. Chambers, the Secretary be directed to furnish a Copy of these Resolutions to the Rector of the Parish of St. James, East Baton Rouge, with the request, that he communicate the same to his Vestry, and to the family of the deceased.

The Committee, on the subject of assessments in support of the Episcopate,

*Report*, That they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the Rates determined upon at the last Convention, as being the proper rule of assessment, for the current Ecclesiastical year, upon the different Churches of the Diocese, viz:

|                                     |         |            |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------|
| Christ Church, New Orleans—Salary   | \$7000, | Assessment | \$350  |
| St. Paul's " " "                    | 2000,   | "          | 100    |
| Grace " " "                         | 2500,   | "          | 125    |
| French Protestant Church, N. O. " " | 1500,   | "          | 75     |
| Annunciation " " "                  | 1200,   | "          | 60     |
| Grace Church, St. Francisville, " " | 1200,   | "          | 60     |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux, " "        | 1000,   | "          | 50     |
| St. John's " W. Baton Rouge, " "    | 1000,   | "          | 50     |
| St. Mary's " Franklin, " "          | 1000,   | "          | 50     |
| St. James' " Alexandria, " "        | 1000,   | "          | 50     |
| Trinity " Natchitoches, " "         | 800,    | "          | 40     |
| St. James' " Baton Rouge, " "       | 600,    | "          | 30     |
| Christ " Covington, " "             | 600,    | "          | 30     |
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| \$21,400.                           |         |            | \$1070 |

WM. R. NICHOLSON,  
GEO. S. GUION,  
L. C. DUNCAN.

## Parochial Reports.

### MISSIONARY IN WEST BATON ROUGE.

|                                 |         |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |    |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|----|
| Baptisms                        | .       | .     | . | . | . | . | . | . | .      | 0  |
| Funerals                        | .       | .     | . | . | . | . | . | . | .      | 6  |
| Marriages—Colored               | 1       | .     | . | . | . | . | . | . | .      | 1  |
| Preached to White Congregations | 16      | times | . | . | . | . | . | . | .      |    |
| Do.                             | Colored | Do.   | 9 | " | . | . | . | . | Total— | 25 |

JOHN BENSON, Missionary.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EAST BATON ROUGE.

|                 |    |         |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-----------------|----|---------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms—Adults | 1, | Infants | 10, | . | . | . | . | . | . | 11 |
| Marriages       | .  | .       | .   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  |
| Confirmations   | .  | .       | .   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  |
| Communicants    | .  | .       | .   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 15 |
| Burials         | .  | .       | .   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  |

Collections at Communion, and for Parish purposes—\$78.

The pastoral relation of the undersigned with the above Parish will, after due notice to his Vestry and Bishop, have terminated with the Session of the present Convention. The condition of the Parish for the last twelve months, and more, has been exceedingly untoward.

The death, by a mysterious visitation, of Mr. David Chambers, is severely felt by the society generally in which he moved; but perhaps above all, by the undersigned, to whom his gentle spirit, his prudent counsel, his cheerful, generous, and truly christian aid and example, were never-failing sources of encouragement under trial.

JOHN BURKE, *Rector*.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has officiated at St. Martinsville and New Iberia since 1st November last. The congregations are small, but manifest an interest for the establishing of the Church amongst them. The ministerial duties performed are as follows:

### ZION CHURCH, ST. MARTINSVILLE.

|                |    |        |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|----|--------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adult | 1, | Infant | 1, | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2 |
| Marriage       | .  | .      | .  | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |
| Burial         | .  | .      | .  | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |

### CONGREGATION AT NEW IBERIA.

|                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Children | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2 |
| Burial            | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |

W. H. BURTON.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CITY OF LAFAYETTE.**

|                                                  |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Adults 5, Infants 10,—Total             | 15 |
| Marriages                                        | 3  |
| Funerals                                         | 13 |
| Communicants—Removed 5, Added 24, Present number | 30 |
| Sunday Scholars and Teachers                     | 50 |

C. P. CLARKE, *Rector*.**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORGANZA—ST. JAMES', WILLIAMSPORT.**

Soon after the last Convention I commenced the labors of the Ministry in the Parish of Pointe Coupée. For some five or six months, held Service every Sabbath at Morganza. Much interest was awakened on the establishment of the Church, and a sufficient amount of means proffered to erect an edifice. The Congregation is steadily increasing, and the happy effects of the ministration of the gospel generally acknowledged. Since last November, I have officiated twice a month at Williamsport; and efforts made there, have, with the blessing of God, been crowned with abundant success. A central and pleasant location for a Church Edifice was kindly donated by the late Col. Williams, and a substantial edifice of brick, 70 feet in length, has been contracted for, and a sufficient amount of funds subscribed to complete the building without foreign aid. 150 Prayer Books and 50 Bibles distributed, and a demand exists for more. From 50 to 60 Children have attended the Sabbath Schools during the year. I have baptized 28, and officiated at three funerals. Some considerable attention has been paid to the cultivation of Church Music; and a portion of the youth have made good improvement in this delightful part of our Church Service.

FRED. DEAN.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.**

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms                                      | 30  |
| Marriages                                     | 6   |
| Funerals                                      | 24  |
| Communicants—Removed 30, Died 3—33, Added 30, |     |
| Present number                                | 100 |
| Sunday School                                 | 250 |

C. GOODRICH, *Rector*.

**REPORT OF ELIJAH GUION, PRINCIPAL OF RAPIDES FEMALE SEMINARY, NEAR ALEXANDRIA.**

Shortly after the adjournment of last Convention, I relinquished my charge of Trinity Church, Natchitoches, and have since been chiefly engaged in duties connected with the Seminary under my charge, which went into operation on the 7th of August last. The institution has been established by the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, Parish of Rapides, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese, who is, ex-officio, a Visitor of the Institution, as is also the Rector of St. James' Church.

The funds for its establishment were contributed by various individuals in this Parish; but an enlargement being required, further means were sought and obtained to some extent from individuals in New Orleans; so that by the commencement of the next term, July 1st, we shall have ample and commodious buildings for 50 Pupils. The present number is 28.

A valuable and complete Philosophical and Chemical apparatus has been obtained for the Seminary, by means of contributions obtained in the city of New York, through the active exertions of the Rector of St. James' Church, Parish of Rapides, who has also been the chief instrument for procuring funds for the establishment of the Seminary.

The situation of the Seminary being in the Pine Woods, 20 miles from Alexandria, is remarkable for health and retirement; and the liberal contributions made for its establishment, furnishing the use of the buildings to the Principal free of rent, enable him to receive Pupils at a very moderate rate, the charge being \$60 per term of Five Months, including Board and Tuition in English, French, and Vocal Music. Extra charges are made for Instrumental Music, Washing, Books and Stationery, and for the advanced course of English.

The regular Services of the Church are held on Sundays, with the study of the Scriptures and the Church Catechism.

Without desiring to derogate from other institutions under the auspices of the Church in this diocese and elsewhere, it is believed, that this Institution presents peculiar claims to the favourable regard of Parents and Guardians of the female portion of the children and youth in the South.

Since my last report, I have officiated occasionally at Natchitoches, Alexandria, and New Orleans—in all 23 times, besides holding regu-

lar services at the Seminary, with but few interruptions: have baptized 12 infants, five at Natchitoches, and seven in Rapides; administered the Communion twice, and performed the Marriage ceremony twice.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH GUION.

Rapides Female Seminary, near Alexandria,  
April 14th, 1849.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

|                                                 |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 36, Colored 3—total, | 40  |
| Confirmed                                       | 11  |
| Communicants                                    | 150 |
| Marriages                                       | 15  |
| Interments                                      | 10  |

F. L. HAWKS, *Rector*.

#### SOUTHERN INSTITUTE, JACKSON, EAST FELICIANA.

REV. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D.D., *Rector*.

In consequence of the existence of Cholera in the State, and the multiplication of Boarding Schools for Young Ladies, the number of Pupils in the Institute is considerably less than it was at the time the last report was made. We have now 18 boarders, and fourteen day scholars. The School is in a healthy and vigorous condition, and will, I hope, soon recover its former number.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated one Sunday in Clinton, one in Grace Church, St. Francisville, and the residue of Sundays at the Institute: have baptized seven of its inmates, and one or two other children, and attended three funerals in different places.

WILLIAM B. LACEY.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST BATON ROUGE.

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—White, Adults 1, Infants 3 }  |    |
| “ Colored “ 3, “ 30 } total,           | 37 |
| Confirmations—White 4, Colored 9,      | 13 |
| Marriage                               | 1  |
| Burials                                | 2  |
| Communicants—White, Added 3, Removed 1 | 22 |
| “ Colored “ 3, “ 6, Dropped 1,         | 65 |

|                                                      |       |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Contributed to Domestic Missions . . . . .           | \$25  |         |
| “ Foreign “ . . . . .                                | 5     |         |
| “ Diocesan “ . . . . .                               | 8,82½ |         |
| “ Superannuated Clergymen, &c. . . . .               | 8,82½ |         |
| “ Colored Congregation for African Mission . . . . . | 4,50  | \$52,15 |

As a very large part of our Parish is under water, its pecuniary condition has been greatly depressed, and the report of contributions to church objects consequently small.

A. H. LAMON, *Rector*.

#### GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE, WEST FELICIANA.

|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—Infants . . . . .                          | 10 |
| Confirmed . . . . .                                 | 6  |
| Interments . . . . .                                | 12 |
| Marriages . . . . .                                 | 5  |
| Communicants—Added 10, Died 1, Removed 4, . . . . . | 35 |

During the past year upwards of \$300 have been contributed for various benevolent purposes.

Collections have been taken up in the Church, as directed by resolutions of Convention.

D. S. LEWIS, *Rector*.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The Rector of the Parish reports to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese the annexed statement, viz. :

|                                                       |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—White 4, Colored 2—Children—Total, . . . . . | 6  |
| Communicants . . . . .                                | 14 |
| Marriages—White 1, Colored 1, total . . . . .         | 2  |
| Interments . . . . .                                  | 6  |

The condition of the Parish is encouraging. The attendance on the services continues to be good—indeed the number has increased during the last year. The vessel by which our pews have been shipped is looked for daily; and arrangements having been made to put them up and complete the inside of the Church, we will go immediately on with the work. We calculate that it will be ready for consecration by June next; and it is a pleasing reflection that we will enter our building free of debt. While we thus, after much patience and care, have cause for thankfulness that God has raised up friends for the Church, we have been called upon to mourn the





### REPORT OF L'EGLISE PROTESTANTE FRANCAISE OF NEW ORLEANS.

|                                                |   |
|------------------------------------------------|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 0, Infants 4,                  | 4 |
| Interments—Parishioners 3, Non-Parishioners 4, | 7 |

Since the last report of this Church was presented to the Convention, the Vestry have succeeded in fitting up the old edifice, corner of Bienville and Rampart Streets, for divine service. Little could be done during the summer but visiting the French families in the city and vicinity, and endeavouring to awaken in their minds an interest in Divine things. The results have not been quite so encouraging as we were led to hope they would be. I commenced holding Divine Service on the 1st November, and established a Sunday School for Children, and a Bible Class for Adults, hoping, by the latter means, to gain access to minds that could not be reached by any other way. In this, I met with but indifferent success: it was so difficult a matter to excite an interest in these minds, so long unaccustomed to attendance upon any religious services whatsoever.

I visited a large number of families, and made constant efforts to awaken them to a sense of their responsibility to God and to their souls, but with comparatively unimportant results. By perseverance in this good work, under the Divine blessing, much can be done, but it must be the work of time. The field is extensive—the opportunities of doing good are immense; but no immediate results must be looked for, owing to the peculiar nature of this field of labour.

The pastoral relation of the undersigned with this Church has ceased, by his resignation, from the 1st of April.

THOS. D. OZANNE, *Rector*.

### CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW ORLEANS.

REV. N. O. PARSON, *Rector*.

|                                                                   |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Baptisms—Adults 3, Children 50,                                   | 53      |
| Marriages                                                         | 31      |
| Burials—Parishioners 5, Non-Parishioners 13,                      | 18      |
| Communicants—Removed 9, Died 3, Added 25, Present<br>number       | 94      |
| The Sunday School numbers—Children 150, Teachers 17,              | 167     |
| Collections for Alms at the Holy Communion                        | \$93 45 |
| “ Incidental Expenses                                             | 150     |
| “ P. E. City Mission                                              | 99 50   |
| “ by the Ladies Society, Auxiliary to the City<br>Mission Society | 1098 20 |

Public Services, regular, morning and evening of all Sundays excepting three.

Also on the greater Festivals, Thanksgiving-day, on Wednesdays and Fridays during the season of Lent, and every day except Saturday, of Passion week, there has been Morning Prayer and a Lecture.

The Communion has been administered monthly, as also on the festival of the Nativity and Easter-day; and upon the whole, with devout thankfulness to God, to whose abounding grace we are indebted, our prospects were never more encouraging than at present.

Balize, April 7th, 1849.

To the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D.D.,

Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Since my last report (1848), nothing of interest has occurred in relation to the ecclesiastical affairs in my field of labor, except that there has been a constant falling off in the contributions to my support; and the consequent necessity of devoting more of my time to secular employments has precluded the possibility of using my time in such a way as would tend most to the growth and prosperity of the Church. The amount received on subscription during the last nine months has not been more than \$157. Other things are about the same as at my last report.

No change in Communicants.

Marriages, none.

Baptisms—Infants, White 7, Colored 4, . . . . . 11

Funerals—Adults 5, Infants 3, . . . . . 8

Sunday Scholars . . . . . 30

R. H. RANNEY.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THIBODEAUX.

REV. J. SANDELS, RECTOR.

The Rector of this Church respectfully reports to the Bishop as follows :

|                                                                                                                             |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms—White, Infants 2, Colored, Adults 7, Infants 19                                                                    | 26 |
| Confirmations—Colored persons                                                                                               | 26 |
| Funerals—Whites 7, Colored persons 2, . . . . .                                                                             | 9  |
| Communicants—Reported last year, 28 Whites, and 2 Colored persons. Present number, 32 Whites, and 32 Colored persons, total | 64 |
| Marriages of White persons 1, Colored persons 2 . . . . .                                                                   | 3  |

|                                                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Contributions to Sunday School purposes . . . . . | \$39 95 |
| First payment on Organ . . . . .                  | 340 95  |
| Diocesan purposes . . . . .                       | 65 00   |

The Rector of this Church has devoted the afternoon of every Lord's day to the instruction of a congregation of Negroes on a large Plantation in the neighbourhood. These people had been under instruction for nearly two years. They were examined, one by one, by the Rector, and frequent inquiries made concerning them of their Master, himself a christian man : and the result was, that 26 of them were unhesitatingly presented to the Bishop for confirmation, on the Sunday before Christmas, and immediately admitted to the communion. Four more have since been admitted. The change effected in these people is such as greatly to encourage efforts in behalf of this portion of our population. The work is of God—it is proved to be so, by the godly walk and conversation of every one of those confirmed.

#### PARISH LAFOURCHE INTERIOR.

In regard to the condition of my charge, consisting of a colored congregation on an estate near Thibodeaux, I have to report, viz. :

|                                                 |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|
| Marriages . . . . .                             | 2  |
| Communicants . . . . .                          | 90 |
| Funerals—Adults 4, Children 8, total, . . . . . | 12 |

The Gospel preached to these colored people, as well as oral instruction given to a Sunday School, of 130 colored children, appear to operate usefully and beneficially in all respects.

SPENCER WALL.

#### REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BETHEL FOR SEAMEN, FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 18th, 1849.

Your Missionary reports official acts performed :

|                                                           |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—Adults 6, Infants 233, . . . . .                 | 239 |
| Marriages . . . . .                                       | 100 |
| Funerals . . . . .                                        | 210 |
| Confirmations . . . . .                                   | 17  |
| Communicants . . . . .                                    | 124 |
| The Sabbath School numbers 132 Scholars, and 14 Teachers. |     |

Divine Service has been regularly held, always twice on every

Sabbath, frequently three times; once generally through the week; during Lent, twice a week, except Passion Week, when Service was held every day in the week. At almost every opportunity for Divine Service, the congregations have been large; and many times, persons leave the door for want of room in the house.

During the past year, we have, with our small means, given and sent abroad 200,000 pages of Tracts, 186 copies of the Bible, 300 of the New Testament, 257 books of Common Prayer, 294 Manuals of Prayer, 1000 different religious books, bound volumes; fitted up a Reading-room, which has been well supplied with Books, Papers, and religious matter, for Sailors to read. This Reading-room has been, I have no doubt, productive of great good, as many of the Seamen have attended, during the evenings, to read and pray.

The objects which the Missionary Society of Young Men have had in view, and have steadily followed, are

1st. The Bethel Chapel, where Seamen may hear the story of the Cross, and of a Saviour's dying love for the salvation of mankind; and many have heard, believed, and felt the precious Truth, and, we trust, have been made wise unto Salvation. And frequently has your Missionary's heart been cheered and encouraged, when, at the administration of the Lord's Supper, he has witnessed the sailor-boy, of 16 years, and the veteran sailor, of 60, bowed at the Table, with deep feelings of gratitude and love to their Heavenly Father, for having spared them through another voyage, once more to seal anew their allegiance to the Great Captain of our and their salvation.

2nd. A Reading-room.

3rd. To fit up the house which we now occupy, as a temporary Chapel, for a Home, or Boarding House, for the sailor, when on shore, where he may, like other men, be made comfortable, and saved from some of the traps which are laid for him.

The 1st. The Chapel is now in course of erection, and, by contract, is to be ready for Divine Service on the first Sunday in August.

The 2nd. The Reading-room has been opened since October; and when the Chapel is finished, or as soon as they can possibly secure the money to fit up the house for the Home, it will, with God's blessing, be accomplished. All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WHITALL,

*Missionary to Seamen of the Protestant Episcopal Church,  
New Orleans.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Mr. Goodrich, from the "Committee on the state of the Church," presented the following Report :

It is a matter of regret to the Committee, that, in consequence of the prevalence of the Epidemic Cholera in the diocese, the attendance of the Clergy and Lay-delegates at the Convention is less than usual, and the reports of the Parishes not so full, as to enable the Committee to furnish a satisfactory statement with respect to the condition of the Church. But from what has been presented, we have reason to be grateful for the degree of prosperity which seems to have attended the ministration of the Gospel. New churches have been erected, new parishes formed, new fields of labour opened, and additional laborers have entered upon the work ; while in the old and settled parishes there has been a steady increase, both in the attendance on public worship, and in the numbers added to the communion. With the exception of one or two parishes, where circumstances have been unfavorable to the growth of the Church, the rectors and ministers speak encouragingly of the condition and prospects of their several cures.

It is not forgotten, that outward prosperity is not always indicative of the growth of inward grace. The increase of churches, and the multiplication of hearers of the word, may co-exist, with a state of indifference and apathy with respect to the essential things of the Gospel : still, from all that appears, it becomes your Committee to express the conviction, that, with the enlargement of the means of grace, there has also been a corresponding improvement in what is less palpable to the senses, but most of all important in the sight of God—the spiritual health of the Church. The word preached is not without its wholesome fruits of grace ; a spirit of serious and consistent piety seems to be increasing, and, we trust will continue to prevail more and more, till the Church in this diocese shall appear as "a city that cannot be hid."

It is gratifying to your Committee to observe, that the attention of the clergy and others has been directed, with so much interest and success, to the religious instruction of the colored portion of our population. Several congregations have been gathered, where the regular ministrations of the Gospel are observed ; and among these, very encouraging results have been attained. Much more, however, remains

to be accomplished ; and it is confidently hoped, that the pious laymen of the church, who have it in their power to furnish facilities to this object—feeling their responsibilities, and perceiving the great benefit to be derived—will co-operate with the clergy in affording sound religious instruction to this too long neglected class. What strong claims these people have upon our prayers and labors, is most obvious. Let not the reproach of neglecting them be permitted to lay at our door !

The cause of general education, which has been so often and earnestly presented by the Bishop to the consideration of the diocese, continues to receive in some places a just degree of attention. Good fruits have already resulted from the schools established, and much more may be confidently anticipated. We look to these nurseries of sound knowledge and early piety, for the future ornaments and pillars of the Church of Christ in this diocese. They are believed to be equal, in every particular, to any schools of the same class in any part of the country. They deserve the confidence of the church, and they ought to be cherished by its patronage.

In conclusion, the Committee would express their gratification in view of the general harmony, in opinion and feeling, which appears to prevail among the members of this diocese, both clerical and lay. Firmly attached to the distinctive features of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and grounded in the true principles of the gospel of the grace of God, with whatever minor differences, they are as one body in Christ, united in the fellowship of mutual love and confidence, undisturbed by contentious disputations. Let it be our common effort, to continue and perpetuate this state of peace and harmony—not by the sacrifice of any christian principle, but by the exercise of mutual christian forbearance ; so shall we fulfil the injunction of the apostle —“endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.” All of which is respectfully submitted.

CONVENTION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LOUISIANA IN ACCOUNT WITH  
1848.] JOHN L. LOBDELL, *Treasurer.* [Dr.

|                                                                                                                                          |      |    |  |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|--|------------|
| May 6,—To the following amounts paid on account of assessments<br>for the Bishop. See voucher, receipt No 1, viz :                       |      |    |  |            |
| From St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, 1847, cash,                                                                                         | \$15 | 00 |  |            |
| " St. John's " West Baton Rouge, 1845,<br>1846, and 1847, cash,                                                                          | 75   | 00 |  |            |
| " St. James' " Alexandria, 1847, cash,                                                                                                   | 5    | 00 |  |            |
|                                                                                                                                          |      |    |  | \$ 95 00   |
| " " —To the following amounts paid on account do. in<br>drafts and cash. See voucher No. 2, viz :                                        |      |    |  |            |
| From St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, 1848, drafts,                                                                                       | 30   | 00 |  |            |
| " Grace " St. Francisville do do                                                                                                         | 60   | 00 |  |            |
| " Trinity " Natchitoches, do do                                                                                                          | 40   | 00 |  |            |
| " Do. " do 1847, do                                                                                                                      | 5    | 00 |  |            |
| " St. James' " Alexandria, 1848, do                                                                                                      | 45   | 00 |  |            |
| " Do " do do cash,                                                                                                                       | 5    | 00 |  |            |
|                                                                                                                                          |      |    |  | 185 00     |
| " 22,—To the following amounts paid on account of do. in<br>drafts. See voucher No. 3, viz :                                             |      |    |  |            |
| From Christ Church, New Orleans, 1848, draft,                                                                                            | 350  | 00 |  |            |
| " St. Paul's " " " "                                                                                                                     | 100  | 00 |  |            |
| " Grace " " " "                                                                                                                          | 75   | 00 |  |            |
| " Protestante Française " " "                                                                                                            | 75   | 00 |  |            |
| " Annunciation Church " " "                                                                                                              | 60   | 00 |  |            |
| " St. John's " Thibodeaux, " "                                                                                                           | 50   | 00 |  |            |
| " St. Mary's " Franklin, " "                                                                                                             | 50   | 00 |  |            |
| " Do. " " 1847, " "                                                                                                                      | 10   | 00 |  |            |
| " Christ " Covington, " "                                                                                                                | 5    | 00 |  |            |
| " Do. " " 1848, " "                                                                                                                      | 30   | 00 |  |            |
|                                                                                                                                          |      |    |  | 805 00     |
| July 18,—To amount paid B. M. Norman. for publishing and bind-<br>ing 1000 copies of Journals of Tenth Convention. See<br>voucher No. 4, |      |    |  | 150 00     |
| " " —To amount paid do. bal. due for publication of Journals of<br>Ninth Convention. See same voucher.                                   |      |    |  | 41 50      |
| May 6,—To amount transferred to Fund in aid of Superannuated<br>Clergymen, their widows and children. Collections paid                   |      |    |  | 20 00      |
| 1849. in this year,                                                                                                                      |      |    |  | 2 00       |
| April 19,—To Postages,                                                                                                                   |      |    |  |            |
|                                                                                                                                          |      |    |  | \$1,298 50 |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|--|----------|
| May 3,—By balance on hand from last account. See Journal 1848,                |    |    |  | \$102 75 |
| " 6,—By amount received on account of Bishop's assessments, viz :             |    |    |  |          |
| From St. James' Church, Alexandria, 1848, draft,                              | 45 | 00 |  |          |
| " Do. " " " cash,                                                             | 5  | 00 |  |          |
| " St. James' " Baton Rouge, " draft,                                          | 30 | 00 |  |          |
| " Grace " St. Francisville, " "                                               | 60 | 00 |  |          |
| " Trinity " Natchitoches, " "                                                 | 40 | 00 |  |          |
| " Do. " " 1847, " "                                                           | 5  | 00 |  |          |
| " " —By amount received on account of Publication Fund, viz :                 |    |    |  |          |
| From St. James' Church, Alexandria, balance due, cash,                        | 20 | 00 |  |          |
| " 5,—From members of Convention in Grace Church, St. Francis-<br>ville, cash, | 12 | 25 |  |          |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| “ —By amount received from Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, Collections of 1847, in aid of Superannuated Ministers, their widows and children, |  | 20 00             |
| “ 22,—By amount received on account of Bishop's Assessments, viz:                                                                                       |  |                   |
| From Christ Church, New Orleans, 1848, draft,                                                                                                           |  | 350 00            |
| “ St. Paul's “ “ “ “                                                                                                                                    |  | 100 00            |
| “ Annunciation “ “ “ “                                                                                                                                  |  | 60 00             |
| “ Grace “ “ “ “                                                                                                                                         |  | 75 00             |
| “ Eglise Protestante “ “ “                                                                                                                              |  | 75 00             |
| “ St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, “ “                                                                                                                    |  | 50 00             |
| “ St. Mary's “ Franklin, “ “                                                                                                                            |  | 50 00             |
| “ Do. “ “ 1847, “                                                                                                                                       |  | 10 00             |
| “ Christ “ Covington, “ “                                                                                                                               |  | 5 00              |
| “ Do. “ “ 1848, “                                                                                                                                       |  | 30 00             |
| “ —By amount received on account of Publication fund,                                                                                                   |  |                   |
| From St. Mary's Church, Franklin, balance due, cash,                                                                                                    |  | 20 00             |
| July —By amount received on account of publication fund,                                                                                                |  |                   |
| From St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, 1848, draft,                                                                                                       |  | 15 00             |
| 1849. “ Christ “ Covington, 1847 & 1848,                                                                                                                |  | 20 00             |
| April 19,—By balance due Treasurer,                                                                                                                     |  | 98 50             |
|                                                                                                                                                         |  | <u>\$1,298 50</u> |
| “ —To balance due Treasurer, at this date,                                                                                                              |  | 98 50             |

JOHN L. LOBDELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

JOHN L. LOBDELL, Treasurer of Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church  
1849. of Louisiana, Dr.

|                                                                                                                  |               |
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| April 18—To amount of Fund in aid of Superannuated Ministers, their wives and children,                          | 114 52        |
| To amount transferred to fund—collections of 1847, from Grace Church, St. Francisville, transferred May 6, 1848, | 20 00         |
| To eight per cent. interest on amount of Fund, up to May 6th, 1849, one year,                                    | 10 76         |
|                                                                                                                  | <u>145 28</u> |

JOHN L. LOBDELL, Treasurer of Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church  
1849. of Louisiana, Dr.

|                                                                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| April 18—To amount of Fund in aid of the Episcopate in Louisiana, up to May 6, 1848, | 5 40          |
| “ —To eight per cent. interest thereon, up to 6th May 1849,                          | 43            |
|                                                                                      | <u>\$5 83</u> |



## Amount due on Publication Fund, viz:

|                                            |                         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| From St. Mary's Church, Bayou Goula,       | 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, | \$40 00  |
| Zion Church, St. Martinsville,             | 1847, 1848, 1849,       | 30 00    |
| St. Luke's Church, Vermillionville         | 1847, 1848, 1849,       | 30 00    |
| St. James' Church, Baton Rouge.            | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge,       | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| Grace Church, St. Francisville,            | 1849,                   | 12 00    |
| Holy Trinity Church, Lafayette,            | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| St. John's Church, Thibodeaux,             | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| Trinity Church, Natchitoches,              | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| Annunciation Church, New Orleans,          | 1849,                   | 12 00    |
| Christ Church, do                          | 1849,                   | 70 00    |
| Protestante Française Church, New Orleans, | 1849,                   | 15 00    |
| St. Paul's Church, New Orleans,            | 1849,                   | 20 00    |
| Grace Church, do.                          | 1849,                   | 15 00    |
| St. James' Church, Alexandria,             | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| St. Mary's Church, Franklin,               | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
| Christ Church, Covington,                  | 1849,                   | 10 00    |
|                                            |                         | <hr/>    |
|                                            |                         | \$324 00 |

## Amount due on Bishop's Assessments,

|                                                         |       |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| From St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge,               | 1848, | \$50 00 |
| " From all the Churches for the year 1849. See page 13. |       |         |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the second Wednesday in May A. D. 1850, be the time appointed for the meeting of the next Convention in this Diocese.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in St. John's Church, Thibodeaux.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Convention proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year. And on balloting as the Canon directs, the following elections were reported by the appointed Tellers, Musgrove Evans and A. P. Cleveland:

*For Standing Committee.*

Rev. N. O. PRESTON, Mr. L. C. DUNCAN,  
 " CHAS. GOODRICH, " P. M. OZANNE,  
 " W. R. NICHOLSON, " WM. M. GOODRICH.

*For Missionary Committee.*

Rev. N. O. PRESTON,      Mr. WM. M. GOODRICH,  
 " D. S. LEWIS,      " THOS. I. DIX,  
 " W. R. NICHOLSON,      " P. M. OZANNE.

*For Education Committee.*

Rev. W. B. LACEY, D. D., Hon. GEO. S. GUION.  
 " D. S. LEWIS,      " CHS. WATTS,  
 " AMOS D. McCOY,      Mr. L. MATTHEWS,  
 " W. R. NICHOLSON.      " G. B. DUNCAN.

*For Delegates to the General Convention.*

Rev. Dr. LACEY,      Hon. GEO. S. GUION,  
 " Dr. HAWKS,      Mr. JOHN L. LOBDELL,  
 " Mr. GUION,      " J. DALE POWEL,  
 " Mr. LAMON.      Dr. J. P. DAVIDSON.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. NATH'L O. PRESTON for his sermon, preached at the opening of this Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, New Orleans, for the use of the Church, for the purposes of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That after the accustomed religious exercises, this Convention adjourn.

*Whereupon*, after engaging in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. President, the convention adjourned, *sine die*.

WM. B. LACEY, D. D.

*President of the Convention.*

NATH'L O. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

# **Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.**

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## **CANON I.**

### **OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.**

To entitle any new Parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, it is required of those forming said Parish, to conform to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Louisiana entitled "an act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State," and approved April 30th, 1847; and such Parish, applying for admission, besides producing a duly certified record of their compliance with said act, shall also produce evidence of their having adopted resolutions declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.

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## **CANON II.**

### **OF PARISH MEETINGS.**

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk, shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who contribute annually to the support of the ministry, shall be entitled to vote.

## CANON III.

## OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every Parish, to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually, and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Standing Committee to pay for publishing the Journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each Parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the Journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention shall contain a statement of the sum received, the Parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended. The Secretary shall have the Journals published and ready for distribution within sixty days after adjournment of the convention, and the delegates from each parish are required to furnish the Secretary with written directions how, and where to transmit their respective copies, and no Parish shall be entitled to receive the Journals, unless the amount required by Canon shall have been paid.

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## CANON IV.

## OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Every Minister shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The Record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry; and in case of a vacancy, by the senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the Minister, to present to the annual Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals within his cure; together with the number of Communicants; distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the Parish.

## CANON V.

## OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing a President and Secretary : the latter of whom shall keep a record of all the transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President ; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

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## CANON VI.

## OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper ; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of the vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

## Resolutions Passed in the Convention.

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The Bishop of the Diocese is authorized to admit to deacon's orders, under Canon 6th of the General Convention of 1844, such persons as may apply for the same, and shall, to his satisfaction and to that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, comply with the requirements of the said 6th Canon.

There shall be a board of Education of five or more persons, annually chosen by the Convention, of which Board the Bishop of the Diocese shall always be ex-officio chairman, and to this Board shall be confided the supervision of the work of Education in the church.

The Board shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of holding the Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on the interests of Education, and shall present to the Convention a report of the state of the schools connected with the church in this Diocese. At every such annual meeting, the Board shall cause a sermon or address to be delivered on the subject of Education, the preacher or speaker having been appointed at least three months previously.

Any of the parochial clergy may proceed to the formation of parochial or other schools, if they deem it expedient, reporting their proceedings therein to the Board of Education, to be laid before the next Convention, subject to the controlling action of that body.

Teachers to parochial schools shall be chosen by the Board of Education, upon the nomination of the Bishop, and shall be removable by the Board with the approbation of the Bishop. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Board shall have power to act alone in appointments and removals.

The Bishop shall be ex-officio visitor of all schools in the Dio-

cess that are connected with the church. He shall also prescribe the religious services to be used in said schools, and together with the Board designate the books to be studied on all matters appertaining to the doctrine, ritual and government of the church.

Whenever an individual is desirous of establishing a private literary institution in this Diocese, under the direction of the church, he shall make his desire known to the Bishop, who on being satisfied with his or her qualifications, and with the locality of the proposed school, shall license him or her, and shall appoint three discreet Episcopalians as visitors of the establishment. It shall be the duty of such visitors to visit the school at least once a quarter, and examine the pupils and government thereof. They shall report to the Board of Education at each annual Convention, and to the Bishop oftener, if necessary, the true condition of the school, and endeavour generally to promote its true interest and efficiency.

The Rectors of the several Parishes in this Diocese are to take up collections in their several churches on Christmas day of each year, in aid of superannuated clergymen, their wives and children, and report the annual amount of the same to each annual Convention thereafter.

Each minister in this Diocese having a church in charge, is to procure annual contributions to the Episcopal fund, either by making a collection or otherwise, as he may deem best. The Wardens in each Parish are to open a book for the subscription of money in hand or in annual instalments, at the option of the subscribers, and also for obtaining donations in hand or in any other species of property; and such books, together with a report of any other collections for said fund, shall be laid before the Convention at their annual meetings by the respective clergymen of each Parish.

Every clergyman in charge of a Parish in the Diocese, shall hereafter furnish at each annual Convention, to the Education Committee, a statement in writing of what is being done in his Parish, in the work of Education under the auspices of the Church.

A sermon on Missions shall be preached at the annual meetings of the Convention, with particular reference to the support of Missions in the Diocese. The preacher to be appointed by the Bishop.

Every clergyman in charge of a Parish in this Diocese, shall hereafter take up a collection in his church, annually, on or near Epiphany, for the aid of Diocesan Missions, and report the same to the next Convention thereafter.

## Rules of Order.

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I. At the opening of any session of the Convention, the President shall take the Chair, and shall continue to preside during the sitting. He shall possess the usual powers of presiding officers in deliberative assemblies, to preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. He shall have the right to name any clerical member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, unless directed by the House. The person so named shall possess all the powers of the President, but shall not lose the right of voting while so presiding.

II. If the Secretary of the preceding Convention be in attendance, he shall officiate as such until another be chosen. If he be not present, a temporary Secretary may be appointed, on motion, by a viva voce vote.

III. After the Chair being taken by the President, the Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the journals those who are present. Notice shall then be given to the lay deputies to place their certificates on the table. They shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members, to be appointed by the President. Any irregular or defective certificate shall be suspended until a quorum shall have appeared. The names of the lay deputies, duly appointed shall then be called, and those who are present shall be entered on the journal. The irregular and defective certificates shall then be reported to the Convention, who shall decide on the admission of the deputies named in them.

IV. A constitutional quorum being found to be present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

V. A Secretary shall then be chosen for the Convention. He may appoint an assistant, who shall perform all the duties of the office in the absence of the Secretary.

VI. The President shall then appoint the following Committees to wit:

1. Committee on new Parishes.



2. Committee on Elections.
3.    "        " State of the Church.
4.    "        " Canons.
5.    "        " Reports and Accounts of Treasurers.
6.    "        " Unfinished Business.
7.    "        " Incorporations.
8.    "        " Assessments.
9.    "        to present names for Standing Committee.
10.   "   "   "   "   " Deputies to General Convention.
11.   "   "   "   "   " Trustees of General Theological Seminary.
12.   "   "   "   "   " Missionary Committee.
13.   "   "   "   "   " Education Committee.

VII. The Delegates to come prepared with quotas of Publication Fund, and support of the Bishop.

VIII. After daily morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows.

1. The reading, correcting, and approving of the minutes of the preceding day.

2. Calling the names of absent members, and entering on the Journal those who appear.

3. Reports from the various Committees.

4. Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous business.

IX. The Bishop's Address shall be in order at **any** time.

X. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

XI. No motion shall be put or debated, unless it is seconded ; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, when required by the President, or **any** member.

XII. If the question ~~in~~ debate contain several distinct propositions, **any** member may have the same divided.

XIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to postpone it indefinitely ; to postpone it to a certain time ; to lay it on the table ; to commit it, or amend it ; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. But a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate ; and if it be negative, it shall not be renewed until some new business has intervened.

XIV. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

XV. On a question being put by the President, it shall be determined by the sound of the voices, for or against it ; but any member may require a count of the votes, and tellers for that purpose shall be appointed by the Chair ; or any three votes may, previous to a decision by counts, require the ayes and noes to be taken, which shall be done by calling clerical members and the churches represented, and the vote shall be entered on the journal.

XVI. Any five votes may require the ayes and noes, to be taken by orders, and when so taken they shall be entered on the minutes.

XVII. No member may speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

XVIII. A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the votes of the Convention, nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on a prior decision : nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

XIX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot ; and the Secretary of the Convention, all Standing Committees, and the Delegates to the General Convention, shall be appointed by ballot, unless the House shall unanimously direct otherwise.

XX. No standing rule or order shall be suspended, changed, or rescinded, without one day's previous notice of a motion to that effect, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the persons present entitled to vote.

XXI. Before the final adjournment of any session of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved.

## SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—APRIL 19th, 1849.

| CHURCHES.                        | PARISHES.         | MINISTERS.        | BAPTISMS.   |          |              | COMMUNICANTS. |         |       |       |         | Funerals | Marriages | Sunday Schools | Contributions for Church purposes | REMARKS.                                                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|---------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|----------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  |                   |                   | Wh. Adults. | Infants. | Col. Adults. | Wh. No.       | Colored | White | Added | Removed |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| Missionary Station               | W. Baton Rouge    | John Benson       | 1           | 10       |              |               | 11      |       |       |         |          |           |                | \$78 00                           | Rector about to resign his charge.                          |
| St. James' Church.               | E. Baton Rouge.   | John Burke        | 1           | 3        |              |               | 4       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Growing interest in the Church manifest.                    |
| St. James' Church.               | New Iberia.       | W. H. Burton      |             |          |              |               |         |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Church edifice of brick soon to be erected.                 |
| Church of the Holy Trinity.      | Lafayette         | C. P. Clarke      | 5           | 10       |              |               | 15      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Presents peculiar claims to Parents and Guardians of youth. |
| St. Peter's Church.              | Morganza.         | F. Dean           |             |          |              |               | 23      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | The School in a healthy and vigorous condition.             |
| St. Paul's Church                | New Orleans       | Charles Goodrich. |             |          |              |               | 30      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Parish suffered from inundation.                            |
| Episcopal Female Seminary.       | Near Alexandria   | E. Guion.         |             |          |              |               | 12      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Resolutions of Convention respected.                        |
| Christ Church                    | New Orleans       | F. L. Hawke, D.D. | 1           | 36       |              |               | 3       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Church ready for consecration by June.                      |
| Episcopal Institute              | Jackson.          | W. B. Lacey, D.D. | 7           |          |              |               | 7       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | A church edifice in course of erection.                     |
| St. John's Church.               | W. Baton Rouge.   | A. H. Lamon       | 1           | 3        |              |               | 37      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | The field extensive.                                        |
| Episcopal Church.                | St. Francisville. | D. S. Lewis       | 10          |          |              |               | 10      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Prospects encouraging.                                      |
| St. Mary's Church.               | Franklin          | S. G. Litton      | 4           |          |              |               | 2       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Interesting work of grace among the colored people.         |
| St. James' Church.               | Parish Rapides.   | A. D. McCoy       | 3           | 14       |              |               | 6       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Gospel fruit realized.                                      |
| Episcopal Church.                | New Orleans.      | W. R. Nicholson   | 6           | 29       |              |               | 4       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   | Seamen's chapel to be completed on the first of August.     |
| Episcopal Protestantse Francaise | Thos. D. Ozanne   |                   | 4           |          |              |               | 4       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| Annunciation Church              | New Orleans       | N. O. Preston     | 3           | 50       |              |               | 53      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| Belize                           | Belize            | R. H. Ranney      | 7           |          |              |               | 4       |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| St. John's Church.               | Lafourche Inter.  | J. O. Sundels     | 2           | 7        |              |               | 19      |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| Missionary Station               | Lafourche Inter.  | S. Wall           |             |          |              |               |         |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |
| Seamen's Bethel                  | New Orleans       | Charles Whittall  | 6           | 233      |              |               | 239     |       |       |         |          |           |                |                                   |                                                             |

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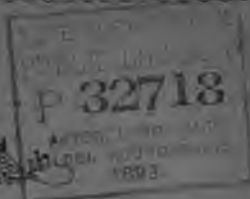
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# SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—APRIL 19th. 1849.

| CHURCHES.                               | PARISHES.         | MINISTERS.        | BAPTISMS.   |          |         | Confirmed. | COMMUNICANTS. |          |        |        |          | Funerals. | Marriages. | Sunday Schools. | Contributions for Church purposes. | REMARKS.                                                    |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|---------|------------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                         |                   |                   | Wh. Adults. | Infants. | Wh. No. |            | Died.         | Removed. | Added. | White. | Colored. |           |            |                 |                                    |                                                             | Whole No. |
|                                         |                   |                   |             |          |         |            |               |          |        |        |          |           |            |                 |                                    |                                                             |           |
| Missionary Station                      | W. Baton Rouge    | John Benson       | 1           | 10       | 11      | 5          |               |          |        |        |          |           | 6          |                 | \$78 00                            | Rector about to resign his charge.                          |           |
| St. James' Church.                      | E. Baton Rouge.   | John Burke        | 1           | 3        | 4       |            |               |          |        |        |          |           | 1          |                 |                                    | Growing interest in the Church manifest.                    |           |
| St. James' Church.                      | New Iberia.       | W. H. Burton      |             |          |         |            |               |          |        |        |          |           | 6          |                 |                                    |                                                             |           |
| Church of the Holy Trinity.             | Lafayette         | C. P. Clarke      | 5           | 10       | 15      |            | 24            |          |        |        |          |           | 3          | 50              |                                    | Church edifice of brick soon to be erected.                 |           |
| St. Peter's Church.                     | Morganza          | F. Dean           |             |          | 23      |            |               | 5        |        |        |          |           | 3          | 60              |                                    | Presents peculiar claims to Parents and Guardians of youth. |           |
| St. Paul's Church                       | New Orleans       | Charles Goodrich. |             |          | 30      |            | 30            |          |        |        |          |           | 6          | 230             |                                    | The School in a healthy and vigorous condition.             |           |
| St. Raphael's Female Seminary.          | Near Alexandria   | E. Guion          |             | 12       | 12      |            |               |          |        |        |          |           |            |                 |                                    | Parish suffered from inundation                             |           |
| St. Baptist Church                      | New Orleans       | F. L. Hawks, D.D. | 1           | 36       | 3       | 40         | 11            |          |        |        |          |           | 15         |                 |                                    | Resolutions of Convention respected.                        |           |
| Southern Institute                      | Jackson           | W. R. Lacey, D.D. | 7           |          | 7       | 6          |               |          |        |        |          |           |            |                 |                                    | Church ready for consecration by June.                      |           |
| St. John's Church.                      | W. Baton Rouge.   | A. H. Lemon       | 1           | 3        | 37      | 13         | 1             | 6        | 3      |        |          |           | 1          |                 | 52 15                              | A church edifice in course of erection.                     |           |
| St. James' Church.                      | St. Francisville. | D. S. Lewis       | 10          |          | 10      | 6          | 1             | 4        | 10     |        |          |           | 5          |                 | 300 00                             | The field extensive.                                        |           |
| St. Mary's Church.                      | Franklin          | S. G. Litton      |             | 4        | 2       | 6          |               |          |        |        |          |           | 2          |                 |                                    | Prospects encouraging.                                      |           |
| St. James' Church.                      | Parish Rapides.   | A. D. McCoy       | 3           | 14       | 6       | 107        | 130           | 13       | 1      | 14     | 31       |           | 4          | 20              | 257 50                             | Interesting work of grace among the colored people.         |           |
| St. George's Church.                    | New Orleans       | W. E. Nicholson   | 6           | 29       | 4       | 39         | 13            |          |        |        | 107      | 15        |            |                 | 463 35                             | Gospel fruit realized.                                      |           |
| St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. | New Orleans       | Thos. D. Ozanne   | 4           |          | 4       |            |               |          |        |        |          | 7         |            |                 | 1441 15                            | Seamen's chapel to be completed on the first of August.     |           |
| St. Annunciation Church                 | New Orleans       | N. O. Preston     | 3           | 50       | 53      |            | 3             | 9        | 25     | 92     | 2        | 31        | 18         | 17              | 150                                |                                                             |           |
| St. John's Church.                      | Belize            | E. H. Ranney      |             | 7        | 4       | 11         |               |          |        |        | 36       | 6         | 30         | 8               | 30                                 | 445 90                                                      |           |
| St. John's Church.                      | Lafourche Inter.  | J. O. Sandels     |             | 2        | 7       | 19         | 28            | 26       |        |        |          | 3         | 9          |                 |                                    |                                                             |           |
| Missionary Station                      | Lafourche Inter.  | S. Wall           |             |          |         |            |               |          |        |        |          | 2         | 12         | 130             |                                    |                                                             |           |
| Seamen's Bethel                         | New Orleans       | Charles Whitall   |             | 6        | 23      | 16         |               |          |        |        | 194      | 100       | 210        | 14              | 138                                | [650 00                                                     |           |

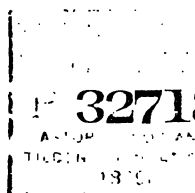


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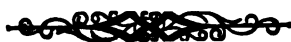
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HELD IN

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ON

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IN THE

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GRACE CHURCH, St. Francisville.  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge.  
ST. JAMES CHURCH, Baton Rouge.  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Thibodeaux.  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bayou Goula.  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Morganza.  
ASCENSION CHURCH, Donaldsonville.  
GRACE CHURCH, Munroe.  
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Parish of Rapides.  
TRINITY CHURCH, Natchitoches.  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Shreveport.  
CHRIST CHURCH, Covington.  
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, City of Lafayette.  
CHRIST CHURCH, New Orleans.  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, do.  
CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, do.  
GRACE CHURCH, do.  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH for Seamen, do.  
EGLISE PROTESTANTE FRANCAISE. do.  
EMANUEL CHURCH, Parish of Plaquemine.  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Franklin.  
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Vermillionville.  
ZION'S CHURCH, St. Martinsville.

**ALPHABETICAL LIST**  
OF THE  
**Clergy of the Diocese of Louisiana,**  
May 8, 1850.

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- The Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, residing near Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. JOHN BENSON, Missionary in West Baton Rouge.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE, residing at Baton Rouge.
- Rev. WM. H. BURTON, officiating at New Iberia.
- Rev. W. CROES CRANE, Rector of Grace Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. FREDERICK DEAN, President of Poydras College. Rector of St. Peter's Church, and Missionary in the Parish of Pointe Coupée, Morganza.
- Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. E. GUION, Principal Rapides Female Seminary, near Alexandria.
- Rev. CHAPLIN S. HEDGES, officiating temporarily at Woodville Mississippi.
- Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., Rector of Southern Institute for Young Ladies, Jackson, Parish of East Feliciana.
- Rev. JOHN H. LINEBAUGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge.
- Rev. ARCHIBALD H. LAMON, Rector of St. John's Church, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- Rev. DANIEL S. LEWIS, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana.
- Rev. AMOS D. MCCOY, Rector of St. James' Church, in Parish of Rapides.
- Rev. EDWARD NEVILLE, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans.
- Rev. NATHANIEL O. PRESTON, Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans.
- Rev. RODERICK RANNEY, Minister of Grace Church, Monroe, Parish of Ouachita.
- Rev. A. B. RUSSELL, Minister of Emanuel Church, in the Parish of Plaquemine.
- Rev. AMBROSE SMITH, officiating in Christ Church, Covington.
- Rev. JOHN SANDELS, Rector of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. WILLIAM STEELE, Missionary in the Parish of Caddo.
- Rev. W. C. STOUT, Missionary in State of Arkansas.
- Rev. SPENCER WALL, Minister to a Colored Congregation, Parish of Lafourche Interior.
- Rev. CHARLES W. WHITALL, Missionary of St. Peter's Church for Seamen, New Orleans.
- Rev. CHARLES H. WILLIAMSON, Rector of Eglise Protestante Française, New Orleans.

## Rules of Order.

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I. At the opening of any session of the Convention, the President shall take the Chair, and shall continue to preside during the sitting. He shall possess the usual powers of presiding officers in deliberative assemblies, to preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. He shall have the right to name any clerical member to perform the duties of the Chair ; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment, unless directed by the House. The person so named shall possess all the powers of the President, but shall not lose the right of voting while so presiding.

II. If the Secretary of the preceding Convention be in attendance, he shall officiate as such until another be chosen. If he be not present, a temporary Secretary may be appointed, on motion, by a viva voce vote.

III. After the Chair being taken by the President, the Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the journals those who are present. Notice shall then be given to the lay deputies to place their certificates on the table. They shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members, to be appointed by the President. Any irregular or defective certificate shall be suspended until a quorum shall have appeared. The names of the lay deputies, duly appointed, shall then be called, and those who are present shall be entered on the journal. The irregular and defective certificates shall then be reported to the Convention, who shall decide on the admission of the deputies named in them.

IV. A constitutional quorum being found to be present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

V. A Secretary shall then be chosen for the Convention. He may appoint an assistant, who shall perform all the duties of the office in the absence of the Secretary.

VI. The President shall then appoint the following Committees to wit :

## RULES OF ORDER.

v.

1. Committee on new Parishes.
2.     "     "     Elections.
3.     "     "     State of the Church
4.     "     "     Canons.
5.     "     "     Reports and Accounts of Treasurers.
6.     "     "     Unfinished Business.
7.     "     "     Incorporations.
8.     "     "     Assessments.
9.     "     to present names for Standing Committee.
10.    "     "     "     "     "     Deputies to General Convention.
11.    "     "     "     "     "     Trustees of General Theological Seminary.
12.    "     "     "     "     "     Missionary Committee.
13.    "     "     "     "     "     Education Committee.

VII. The Delegates to come prepared with quotas of Publication Fund, and support of the Bishop.

VIII. After daily morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows :

1. The reading, correcting, and approving of the minutes of the preceding day.
2. Calling the names of absent members, and entering on the Journal those who appear.
3. Reports from the various Committees.
4. Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous business.

IX. The Bishop's Address shall be in order at any time.

X. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

XI. No motion shall be put or debated, unless it is seconded ; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, when required by the President, or any member.

XII. If the question in debate contain several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

XIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to postpone it indefinitely ; to postpone it to a certain time ; to lay it on the table ; to commit it, or amend it ; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. But a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate ; and if it be negatived, it shall not be renewed until some new business has intervened.

XIV. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

XV. On a question being put by the President, it shall be determined by the sound of the voices, for or against it; but any member may require a count of the votes, and tellers for that purpose shall be appointed by the Chair; or any three votes may, previous to a decision by counts, require the ayes and noes to be taken, which shall be done by calling clerical members and the churches represented, and the vote shall be entered on the journal.

XVI. Any five votes may require the ayes and noes to be taken by orders, and when so taken they shall be entered on the minutes.

XVII. No member may speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

XVIII. A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the votes of the Convention, nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on a prior decision; nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

XIX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot, and the Secretary of the Convention, all Standing Committees, and the Delegates to the General Convention, shall be appointed by ballot, unless the House shall unanimously direct otherwise.

XX. No standing rule or order shall be suspended, changed, or rescinded, without one day's previous notice of a motion to that effect, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the persons present entitled to vote.

XXI. Before the final adjournment of any session of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved.

# **Journal**

OF THE

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.**

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**THIBODEAUX, *Wednesday, May 8th, 1850.***

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Louisiana, the Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies attended at St. John's Church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, viz :

Rev. WILLIAM H. BURTON,  
" ARCHIBALD H. LAMON,  
" AMOS D. McCOY,  
" NATHANIEL O. PRESTON,  
" JOHN SANDELS,  
" SPENCER WALL,  
" JOHN H. LINEBAUGH.

A list of the Churches, in union with the Convention, was then called, when certificates of Lay Deputies were presented from the following, viz :

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Thibodeaux,  
ST. JAME'S CHURCH, Parish of Rapides.  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge.

A quorum of neither order being found present, *on motion*, the Convention adjourned until 12 o'clock on Thursday, to attend Divine Service.

**THURSDAY, *May 9th*, 12 o'clock M.**

The Convention met and attended Divine Service. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, assisted by the Rev. Archibald H. Lamon, who read the lessons. The Ante-communion was read by the Right Rev. the Bishop. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John H. Linebaugh, after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Lamon and Preston.

After Divine Service, the Rt. Rev. President called the Convention to order. The roll was then called, and the following clergymen, not present yesterday, answered to their names and took their seats as qualified members, viz :

Rev. CHARLES GOODRICH,

“ D. S. LEWIS,

“ E. NEVILLE, D. D.

“ FREDERICK DEAN.

Certificates of their appointment were then laid on the Secretary's table by Lay Deputies; which being examined by the Committee, Rev. Messrs. Goodrich and McCoy in connection with the Secretary, they were found to be in due form.

The list being called over, the following gentlemen answered to their names and took their seats in Convention, viz : from

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Thibodeaux, { Hon. Geo. S. Guion,  
Winchester Hall,  
James M. Saunders.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, New Orleans, { Wm. M. Goodrich,  
Edward Macpherson.

CHRIST CHURCH, New Orleans, Lucius C. Duncan, Esq.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Baton Rouge, John L. Lobdell, Esq.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Parish of Rapides, Hiram Hilton.

A quorum being found present, the Convention was declared duly organized, and proceeded to elect a Secretary.

*On motion,*

It was ordered that balloting be dispensed with, when by a vote, *vive voce*, the Secretary of the previous Convention, Rev. N. O. Preston was re-elected to that office.

In accordance with the Fifth Rule of Order, the Rev. D. S. Lewis was appointed assistant Secretary.

The President then, agreeably to the Sixth Rule of Order, appointed the following committees :

1. *Committee on New Parishes.*

Rev. D. S. LEWIS,                      L. C. DUNCAN.

2. *Committee on Elections.*

Rev. Messrs. DEAN and WALL, and Mr. E. MACPHERSON.

3. *Committee on the State of the Church.*

Rev. Dr. NEVILLE, and Rev. Messrs. LEWIS and LAMON.

4. *Committee on Canons.*

Rev. Mr. LINEBAUGH,              GEO. S. GUION.

5. *Committee on Reports and Accounts of Treasurer.*

Messrs. WM. M. GOODRICH and JAS. M. SAUNDERS.

6. *Committee on Unfinished Business.*

Rev. Messrs. SANDELS and BURTON.

7. *Committee on Incorporations.*

Messrs. DUNCAN, LOBDELL and HALL.

8. *Committee on Assessments.*

Rev. A. D. McCOY and GEO. S. GUION.

*Committee to present names for Standing Committees.*

Rev. CHAS. GOODRICH,              JOHN L. LOBDELL.

An application was received from Emanuel Church, in the Parish of Plaquemine, for admission into union with this Con-



vention, which was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

It was then *Resolved*, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in this Convention; and clergymen of other dioceses, who may be present, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention as honorary members.

The Rev. Mr. Russell, of the parish of Plaquemine, availed himself of this admission.

The Committee on New Parishes made the following *Report*, viz:

That the first Canon of this Church requires, that new Parishes shall, before being admitted into union with this Convention, comply with the law of this State, approved on the 30th April, 1837, entitled "An act providing for the organization of certain corporations."

The applicants in behalf of Emanuel Church, in the Parish of Plaquemine, do not appear to have complied with this provision of the laws of the State; and have not therefore brought themselves within the provisions of our Canon on the subject of New Parishes.

The Committee regret that they are constrained to represent this fact to the Convention; and to report that the present application cannot, in their judgment, be granted.

D. S. LEWIS,  
L. C. DUNCAN.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich, the Lay Delegate, Mr. George Trufant, of Emanuel Church, was admitted as an honorary member to the sittings of the Convention.

The Treasurer made the following *Report*, which was referred to the Committee on Reports and Accounts of Treasurers:

# DIocese of Louisiana, 1850.

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Dr. *Diocese of Louisiana, [Convention expenses] in account with* Cr.  
1849. N. O. PRESTON, Treasurer.

|                                                                                  |         |                                                                      |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Aug. 25, To cash paid Spencer & Middleton, on account printing Journal for 1849. | \$80 00 | 1849. By assessment of 1848, of St James' Church, Parish of Rapides, | \$10 00 |
| Dec. 20, To cash paid B. M. Norman, on account printing Journal for 1848.        | 10 00   | Aug. 25, Christ Church, New Orleans,                                 | 30 00   |
| July 23, To cash paid for postage and Secretary's 1850. Book,                    | 60      | Grace Church, do.                                                    | 10 00   |
| May 8, In the Treasury,                                                          | 40      | St. Paul's Church, do.                                               | 10 00   |
|                                                                                  | \$91 00 | Ch. Annunciation, do.                                                | 6 00    |
| Due B. M. Norman, \$10.                                                          |         | Seamen's Bethel, do.                                                 | 5 00    |
|                                                                                  |         | Grace Church, St. Francisville,                                      | 10 00   |
|                                                                                  |         | Dec. 17, St. James' Church, Williamsport,                            | 10 00   |
|                                                                                  |         |                                                                      | \$91 00 |

Dr. *Diocese of Louisiana, [Bishop's Salary] in account with* Cr.  
N. O. PRESTON, Treasurer.

|                                           |          |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1849.                                     |          | 1849.                               |          |
| May 2, To cash paid Bishop,               | \$125 00 | By assessment due April 23d, 1849.  |          |
| 8, Do. do.                                | 375 00   | May 1, Of Grace Church, N. O.       | \$125 00 |
| 8, Do. do.                                | 75 00    | 8, Christ Church, do                | 300 00   |
| June 1, Do. do.                           |          | 8, English Protestants Francaise,   | 75 00    |
| McGonochie & Donnell, on Bishop's account | 60 00    | Due 1848, Do.                       | 75 00    |
| 1850.                                     |          | June 1, Grace Ch. St. Francisville, | 60 00    |
| May 7, To account by Wm. Goodrich,        | 100 00   | 1850, May 7, St. Paul's Ch. N. O.   | 100 00   |
| 7, Cash, paid Bishop,                     | 60 00    | Church of Annunciation,             | 60 00    |
|                                           | \$795 00 |                                     | \$795 00 |

*To Fund in aid of superannuated Ministers, their wives and children.*

|                                                             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1849.                                                       |         |
| April 19th, Collection from Grace Church, St. Francisville, | \$15 00 |
| " " St. James' Church, Parish of Rapides                    | 7 50    |
|                                                             | \$22 50 |
| Interest on twenty dollars, from Aug. 31st, 1849,           | 1 14    |

Dr. *Diocesan Missionary Society in account with* Cr.  
1849. N. O. PRESTON, Treasurer.

|                                                                    |         |                                                |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| April 23. To cash paid Rev. A. D. McCoy,                           | \$35 00 | 1849. Receipts,                                |         |
| May 1, Do. paid Rev. Ch's Goodrich on advance to Rev. A. D. McCoy, | 17 35   | April 19, From Grace church, St. Francisville, | \$35 00 |
|                                                                    | \$52 35 | May 1, Do. St. Mary's ch. Franklin,            | 17 35   |
|                                                                    |         |                                                | \$52 35 |

| <i>Amount due on Publication fund for the</i> |          | <i>Churches in arrears to Bishop's fund for</i> |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <i>past year:</i>                             |          | <i>1849.</i>                                    |         |
| Christ Church, New Orleans,                   | \$40 00  | St John's ch. Thibodeaux,                       | \$50 00 |
| St. Paul's ch. " "                            | 10 00    | Christ ch. New Orleans,                         | 50 00   |
| Annunciation ch. " "                          | 6 00     | St. John's ch. West Baton Rouge,                | 50 00   |
| Grace ch. " "                                 | 15 00    | St. Mary's ch. Franklin,                        | 50 00   |
| Grace ch. St. Francisville.                   | 2 00     | St. James' ch. Alexandria,                      | 50 00   |
| St. James' ch. Baton Rouge,                   | 10 00    | Trinity ch. Natchitoches,                       | 40 00   |
| St. John's ch. West Baton Rouge,              | 10 00    | St. James' ch. Baton Rouge,                     | 30 00   |
| Holy Trinity, Lafayette,                      | 10 00    | Christ ch. Covington,                           | 30 00   |
| St. John's ch. Thibodeaux,                    | 10 00    |                                                 |         |
| Trinity ch. Natchitoches,                     | 10 00    |                                                 |         |
| Eglise Protestante Française,                 | 15 00    |                                                 |         |
| St. Mary's ch. Franklin,                      | 10 00    |                                                 |         |
| Total,                                        | \$148 00 |                                                 |         |

The committee appointed to present names for standing committees, reported the following list, which was accepted and approved by the Convention, dispensing with the formality of balloting, viz :

*Delegates to the General Convention.*

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| REV. DR. NEVILLE. | MESSRS. GEO. S. GUION, |
| " A. D. McCOY,    | " J. L. LOBDELL,       |
| " A. H. LAMON.    | " G. B. DUNCAN,        |
| " N. O. PRESTON,  | " JAMES GREENLEAF.     |

*Trustees to General Theological Seminary.*

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| REV. D. S. LEWIS, | MESSRS. J. L. LOBDELL, |
| " DR. NEVILLE,    | " L. C. DUNCAN.        |

*Standing Committee.*

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| REV. DR. NEVILLE, | MESSRS. L. C. DUNCAN. |
| " N. O. PRESTON,  | " WM. M. GOODRICH,    |
| " CH'S. GOODRICH, | " P. M. OZANNE.       |

*Missionary Committee.*

|                     |                          |
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| REV. N. O. PRESTON, | MESSRS. WM. M. GOODRICH, |
| " D. S. LEWIS,      | " T. J. DIX.             |
| " A. H. LAMON,      | " B. M. NORMAN.          |

*Education Committee.*

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| REV. WM. B. LACEY, D. D. | MESSRS. GEO. S. GUION. |
| " D. S. LEWIS,           | " E. MACPHERSON,       |
| " A. D. McCOY.           | " L. MATTHEWS,         |
| " F. DEAN,               | " G. B. DUNCAN.        |

A strong sense of duty requiring the presence of the Hon. Geo. S. Guion, at home during the season appointed for the sitting of the General Convention at Cincinnati, upon his ur-

gent request he was excused as a member of the Lay Delegation, and J. Dale Powell duly elected to fill the vacancy.

*On motion,*

The Parochial Reports were now read and handed to the Bishop of the Diocese. [See Appendix A.]

The committee on Canons reported, That they consider the provisions of the act of the Legislature, approved 30th April, 1837, so ample and simple that no action on the subject is deemed necessary, on the part of this Convention, and the committee, therefore have no specific recommendation to make, and beg to be discharged.

JOHN L. LOBDELL,  
WINCHESTER HALL,  
L. C. DUNCAN.

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee respectfully report that since the last meeting of the Convention :

They have recommended Mr. Henry F. Lee, as a candidate for orders ; for ordination as Presbyter, Mr. John Benson, and have signified their assent to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., of the Diocese of North Carolina, as Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, and also of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, as Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana.

N. O. PRESTON,

*Chairman of Standing Committee.*

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report : That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find them correct, with the vouchers attached.

WM. M. GOODRICH,  
JAMES M. SAUNDERS.

*On motion,*

The Convention adjourned to meet on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, *May 10th*, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by L. C. Duncan, Esq.

**WHEREAS**, at the last session of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of New York, in the year 1847, the following amendment to the First Article of the Constitution of the church was proposed, namely, "that it is expedient to alter Article I. of the Constitution of this church, so far as fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words, 'the first Wednesday of October,' and substituting the words, 'the first Wednesday of September—' "

It is *Resolved*, that the Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana approve of, and accede to the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the church.

*Resolved further*, That the Secretary of this Convention furnish a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the Delegation of this Diocese to the General Convention, to be laid before that body at their Triennial meeting, in the city of Cincinnati, in October next.

The Bishop read his Address :

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### ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

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**BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :** We are once more permitted, in the good providence of Almighty God, to meet in Annual Convention, for the purpose of engaging in those deliberations and the performance of those acts which may seem to be demanded for that part of the spiritual vineyard committed to our care.

Engaging in this, the work assigned us, with humble zeal, we may reasonably hope that He who at the first presided in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and has promised to be with his Church to the end of the world, will, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, so direct, sanctify and govern us in our present proceedings, that they may contribute to the salvation of souls, the edification of his Church, and the glory of his Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In accordance with the requisitions of the canon, I proceed to submit to you a statement of my Episcopal acts, for the past Conventional year, and to remark upon such other matters as may throw light on the condition of the Diocese.

I was unable to meet you on the occasion of your last assembling in Convention, as you are aware, in consequence of an attack of Asiatic Cholera. And I desire here to record my unfeigned gratitude and thanksgiving to Almighty God our Heavenly Father, for his pity and compassion toward me on that occasion, and subsequently, "in sparing me when I deserved to be punished, and in the midst of his judgments for having remembered mercy."

In consequence of the feeble state of my health, I was not able to meet the congregations in the upper part of the city of New Orleans, separately, as I had hoped, for the purpose of holding confirmation, but met such of their number as desired that rite, at St. Paul's on the afternoon of Sunday, April 22d, at which time I confirmed forty-three persons. Of this number, eight were from Trinity church, thirteen from the church of the Annunciation, and the residue from St. Paul's. The state of my own health, and that of my family, prevented my making any other visits to congregations during the rest of the season usually allotted to that duty.

On the 3d of August, the day set apart by the civil authority for a National Fast, I preached in St. John's church, Thibodeaux.

I preached in the same church on Sunday the 5th, and assisted in the administration of the Holy communion.

On the Sunday after Trinity, I preached in the same church.

On the 3d Sunday in Advent, I consecrated St. Peter's church, New Orleans. This is a church designed for a seaman's Bethel, and has been erected out of contributions made by the friends of the church and others in New Orleans, under the indefatigable superintendence and efforts of its Rector, the Rev. Charles Whitall, aided by the young men of our city congregations. A more generous or better directed charity, could not have been devised. The building is of a convenient size, commodiously arranged, with an organ, bell and flag, and is located in one of the most eligible situations in the city for its objects. Attached to the church, upon the same lot, is a large building with suitable rooms and other appurtenances, which the association having charge of the mission for seamen, have purchased, with the view of converting it into a Seaman's Home. It at present serves the purpose of a dwelling for the minister of the church, the basement being devoted to the use of seamen as a reading room, and a room for evening lectures. The ulterior objects of the purchase will be carried out, so soon as the funds necessary for their accomplishment can be procur-

ed. And I take this occasion to commend this charity very warmly and earnestly to the sympathies and aid of churchmen in the diocese.

On the 3d Sunday in Advent, I visited for the first time, a settlement of friends of the church, about forty miles below the city of New Orleans, in the parish of Plaquemine, when I read the service and preached. I also baptized an infant on the same day.

The interest manifested in the church, by the persons of that neighborhood, was of the most gratifying character, and I took an early opportunity of providing them with the service of a minister, the Rev. Mr. Russell. From his letters and other sources, I learn they have already commenced the erection of a church building, which they expect to complete in a few months, and when completed, to supply with ministerial services supported exclusively by contributions from among themselves. Such instances of promptitude and energy in providing the means for founding and maintaining the institutions of religion, are pleasing to contemplate.

On Sunday, 20th January, I read prayers and preached on the La-fourche, in the morning, and celebrated a marriage on the evening of the same day. I performed the marriage service also on Friday the 25th of the same month.

On Sunday the 24th February, I assisted, with the Bishops of Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas and Texas, at the consecration of the Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., Presbyter of North Carolina, to the office of the Episcopate for the Diocese of Mississippi.

The completion of the organization of an infant Diocese, must at all times be a matter of interest to churchmen. And that interest in this instance is necessarily increased by the knowledge of the fact, that by this act, our near neighbors are no longer deprived of that privilege and that spiritual oversight so necessary to the comfort and peace of every fold of the flock of Christ. In the soundness of the theological opinions, and the general moderation and temperance of the character of their chief shepherd, our sister Diocese and not less the general church, has also good reason to be grateful.

On the 1st Friday of March, I made a visit to the parish of Point Coupée, and on Sunday the 3d, preached at the Court-House on False River, the Rev. Mr. Dean reading the service. This is the lowest of the three stations occupied by the missionary—the Rev. Mr. Dean,—and is that at which the youths, who are members of Poydras College and who desire to worship according to the forms of the Episcopal Church, attend service.

On Monday, March 4th, I was occupied in visiting with the missionary, the families connected with the station on the Fordoche.

On Tuesday 5th, I preached to, the congregation on the Fordoche, the service being read by the Rev. Mr. Dean, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Burke. After the service, I baptised one child.

In consequence of the numerous *crevasses* in that parish, I was unable to visit the upper station at Williamsport, and had with great regret to postpone my appointment to a future period.

No mission under my care, since I have had charge of this Diocese, has been more prosperous,—notwithstanding the presence and influence of many adverse circumstances,—than that of the parish of Point Coupée. The number of Protestants in the parish is not large, yet among those whom our missionary has visited, he has found, under God, a kind reception awaiting him, and a readiness not only to listen respectfully to his message of peace, but to take measures to provide themselves with the regular and established institutions and sacraments of the church. A subscription adequate to the purpose has been made by the residents in the neighborhood of Williamsport, for building a church, and nothing but the high water from the overflow has prevented their beginning its construction. It is confidently expected the building will be erected in the ensuing season.

The inhabitants of the Bayou Fordoche—one of the most beautiful of the bayous of the State—most of whom are by education and habit attached to the church, have also resolved at an early day to erect a suitable house of worship, and I shall be much disappointed if another year shall elapse without witnessing the execution of this most commendable resolution. These two enterprises may, I think, be counted upon as confidently to succeed.

The population below Morganza on the river, who desire to attend upon the services of the church, will, for the present, worship in the parish court-house, though they are not without the hope of making better provision at no distant day.

On Thursday, 7th of March, I celebrated a marriage in the parish of Point Coupée.

On Sunday, the 10th, I preached in the parish of West Feliciana, at Grace Church, and administered the right of confirmation to three persons.

On Wednesday, I visited the Southern Institute, at Jackson, one of



the seminaries for the education of girls, under the auspices of the church. In the morning of that day, I preached to the school, and catechised the pupils. I also baptized two of their number.

On the following day I preached to the school on the subject of confirmation, and administered that rite to seven of the young ladies. I administered the same rite on the same occasion to a youth connected with the school. This institution continues to merit, and should receive the patronage of churchmen and others who desire a thorough education for their children.

On Saturday, March 16th, I read service and preached in the court-house at Clinton, in the parish of East Feliciana.

On the following day, Sunday, I read service and preached in the court-house in the morning. In the afternoon and evening of the same day, I read service and preached in the same place, in the Methodist meeting house. During the day, at several services, I baptised twenty children.

Among the population of that town and neighborhood, there is an earnest desire to have the institutions of the gospel, as set forth and taught by the Episcopal church, established in their midst, and I confidently anticipate the period, and that at no distant day, when a strong footing may be had for the church in that parish. We have as yet, no minister settled in the town.

On Tuesday, May 19th, I preached on the estate of Mr. John Lobdell, to a colored congregation, and baptized five adults, and confirmed ten persons.

On Thursday, March 21st, I preached in the parish of St. John's, West Baton Rouge, and confirmed four persons.

On Saturday, March 23d, I preached in St. James' church, East Baton Rouge, in the morning.

On Sunday, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Burke, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Lamon, I preached.

On the evening of the same day, after a sermon by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Linebaugh, I administered confirmation to five persons.

On Monday, in Passion Week, I read service in St. James' church, East Baton Rouge.

On Good Friday, I assisted in the services at St. John's church, Thibodeaux.

On Easter Sunday, I preached in St. John's church, Thibodeaux, in the morning, and administered the rite of confirmation to two persons. I also assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached to the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Wall, on the Lafourche, and administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-five persons of color.

On Friday, 5th April, I baptized seven children, in the parish of Assumption.

On Sunday, 7th April, I preached in Christ Church, New Orleans, in the morning, and administered the rite of confirmation to twelve persons.

In the evening of the same day, I preached at St. Peter's church for seamen, and confirmed fourteen persons. At the same church on a former visitation, I confirmed nine others—in all 23.

On Sunday, 14th April, I preached in Trinity church, Lafayette, in the morning and confirmed four persons.

In the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Dobb of Ohio, I confirmed fifteen persons in the church of the Annunciation.

In the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Crane, of Grace church, New Orleans, I confirmed fourteen persons in the parish of St. Paul's, of whom three were from the church of Annunciation.

*Letters of dismissal* have been accepted from the Ecclesiastical authority of the diocese of New York, in behalf of the Rev. C. H. Williamson; from the Ecclesiastical authority of the diocese of Mississippi, in behalf of the Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D.; from Bishop Cobbs, in behalf of Rev. J. H. Linebaugh; from Bishop Potter, in behalf of the Rev. Ed. Neville, D. D.; from Bishop Otey, in behalf of Rev. Wm. C. Crane.

*Letters of dismissal* have been given in behalf of the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., and the Rev. C. P. Clarke to the Ecclesiastical authority of the diocese of New York; in behalf of the Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D., to the diocese of Indiana; of the Rev. Charles Fay, to the diocese of Vermont; of the Rev. James A. Fox to the diocese of Mississippi; of the Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson to the diocese of Ohio, of the Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne, to the diocese of Kentucky.

*The following clerical changes* in addition to those already noticed have taken place. The Rev. E. Neville has become rector of Christ

Church, New Orleans. The Rev C. H. Williamson, Rector of Eglise Protestante Française, the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh has succeeded the Rev. John Burke in the Rectorship of the church of St. James, Baton Rouge; the Rev. Wm. C. Crane who has recently moved into the diocese, has accepted the Rectorship of Grace church, New Orleans; the Rev. R. Ranney, who was acting as a missionary at the Balize, has succeeded the Rev. C. S. Hedges, who was in charge of the mission at Monroe, on the Ouachita, the latter having removed temporarily into the diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. A. B. Russell, of the diocese of Tennessee is in charge of the congregation in the parish of Plaquemine, and the Rev. Ambrose Smith, of the Irish church, is employed temporarily in serving the congregation of Christ Church, Covington.

It is my mournful duty to notice the death of one of our brethren of the clergy, the Rev. Samuel G. Litton, Rector of St. Mary's church, Franklin. The amiable and estimable character, which distinguished his intercourse not only with the people of his charge, but with all others with whom he had occasion to associate, very greatly endeared him to the community in which he labored. And his deep devotion to the church, as manifested in his assiduity as a pastor, and his faithfulness as a preacher of the Word of Life, will be long remembered and cherished by those who had the advantage of his oversight and instructions in the last years of his earthly ministry. May we who are charged with like responsibilities profit by his Godly example, and so take heed to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, that we may be prepared, when called, to give an account of our respective stewardships.

The number of candidates for orders in the diocese is one, H. T. Lee.

I must again bring before the minds of my brethren of the clergy, the importance of doing what may be judiciously done to increase this list of candidates. Increasing observation and experience teaches me the propriety of relying more and more upon ourselves, under God, for this, as well as for every other measure necessary for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ among us. In almost all our congregations there are young persons of pious inclinations and adequate talent, who, if their minds were rightly directed, would feel it their duty, under the guidance of the Spirit of God, to serve their generation by taking a

part in the duties of "this ministry." While the duty of watching for the exhibition of such talent and qualifications is one common to every member of the body of Christ, it is yet especially incumbent on the members of the clergy, who in a peculiar manner, are charged not only with the responsibility of increasing their folds by conversions from the children of the world, but their own number by accession from the body of the faithful.

Our climate is known to be more or less trying to northern constitutions, and there are peculiarities known to our social organizations, especially in country districts, which form obstructions to minds not habituated to them, and to such an extent, as to make it difficult to obtain acceptable services of men either from abroad or from some portions of our own country. These considerations, together with its being in itself natural, and proper, and plainly a high religious duty, will I trust prompt us in the future to exert ourselves as a church in this behalf.

In this connexion, it may not be out of place to notice our diocesan system of parochial instruction for the young of our charge. And I have again to repeat the opinion, that our strength and permanency as a diocese must depend upon a well devised and efficiently administered system for their educational training. At the baptismal font, our children are received by our clergy, as Christ's ministers, into the fold of the Church, and by solemn dedication are consecrated—and we trust understandingly and in true faith—to the worship and service of the living God. They are then entrusted by His appointment, to the spiritual care and oversight of their sponsors—under the direction of their pastors—during their spiritual minority, to be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. To secure the accomplishment of this object most effectually, it cannot be doubted that a certain measure of intellectual development and cultivation is indispensable. And to whom may these sponsors look so naturally for the means of enabling them to do the duty which the Church has imposed upon them, as to the Church itself? Upon her clearly rests the responsibility of providing all the appliances necessary for the efficient execution of every trust she imposes. She has no right to desert the sponsor at the very moment when he most needs her assistance, and leave him to do his work as well as he may, by exposing those precious objects for whose spiritual well being he has pledged himself at the altar of God, to the

evil influences of indiscriminate association in the ordinary schools of the country. To provide for the intellectual instruction of the children is no less a part of her duty than for their spiritual instruction, and for the plain reason, that as the educational process is conducted, the one cannot in its influence and effects be dissociated from the other. And hence arises the expediency and duty of never allowing the children when once taken into her arms, to be entrusted to the guardianship or tuition of any other than her own diocesan instruments, and thence the obligation of providing in all the congregations, primary or parochial schools into which the children of the parish may be introduced and taught, under the eyes and care of her pastors, until they are prepared to take advantage of other seminaries of a higher grade, and of her providing, in which the work of education may be completed. Practical difficulties, I am aware, may be expected in the attempt to carry this system to its fullest extent. But I am well satisfied they are far less formidable than some among us suppose, and that they would, as in divers instances our own diocesan experience teaches us, yield to well directed and persevering effort. Out of such schools we might expect in the ensuing generation an enlightened and well instructed laity, and from them also we might reasonably calculate on obtaining an adequate supply of native clergy.

The schools of the diocese, of various grades, are accomplishing their work generally in a satisfactory manner. The Southern Institute at Jackson, a seminary of the highest grade for the education of young ladies, and under the direction and supervision of the Rev. Dr. Lacey, is, as I have before remarked in this address, fulfilling its mission with great success.

The Rapides Female Seminary, in the parish of Rapides, an institution of a similar grade, under the care of the Rev. E. Guion, is also successfully prosecuting its work, and it is hoped, so soon as additional buildings are erected, it will be enabled to fulfil all the promises of its early beginning.

The parochial school for boys attached to the church of St. John's, Thibodeaux, under the direction and tuition of Mr. J. Saunders, has attained, and deservedly, a reputation for thoroughness of instruction of the highest order. Its influence in begetting in the pupils a deference for the proprieties and amenities of life, and kind and respectful demeanor towards each other and those beyond the circle of their

school, with whom they have to do, give evidence of the spirit which animates it, and affords promise of such fruits as we are led to hope for, from the establishment of such institutions.

I am gratified in being able to report to the Convention, a manifest increase in the interest of the diocese in maintaining and supporting its own missions. The amount raised this year for the missions in the diocese has greatly exceeded that of any former year, and leads us to hope, that a better spirit and a more enlightened and true appreciation of our obligations to promote the advancement of the gospel, is beginning to prevail in the diocese. When we contemplate the amount of work still to be done, however, and the resources of our people, it cannot be denied, nevertheless, that we are, as a church, still very far from living up to the full measure of our privileges and responsibilities in this behalf.

In reviewing the operations of the year, and surveying the present condition and prospects of the diocese, we have upon the whole, good reason to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the manifestation of his mercy and goodness to us, and strong encouragement to enter upon the operations of another year with renewed energy and zeal.

That it may please our Heavenly Father, of His great mercy to direct us in all our doings with His most gracious favor, and further us with His continual help, so that all our works may be begun, continued and ended in Him, is my most earnest and constant prayer.

LEONIDAS POLK,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.*

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The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Rev. Charles Goodrich :

WHEREAS, Since the meeting of the last Convention, the Rev. Samuel G. Litton has been removed by death from the scene of his useful labors, Therefore

*Resolved*, That while we bow with entire submission to the providence of Him who doeth all things well, we cannot but deplore the loss which the Church of Louisiana has sustained, in the early death of one endeared to us by the many amiable traits of his character, and whose peculiar fitness for the southern field, gave promise of such extensive usefulness in the cause of Christ.

*Resolved*, That the Convention sympathise with the widow and the orphans of the deceased in their bereavement, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese, read a report, which, after a few alterations being made, was accepted. [See Appendix C.]

*On motion*,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorised, at his discretion, to loan any sum in his hands, belonging to the respective funds for the support of the Episcopate and for the relief of superannuated clergymen, their widows and orphan children, and make an annual report of the same to the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh for his sermon preached at the opening of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. A. D. McCoy for his missionary sermon preached before this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Sandels gave notice of his intention to move on the following day an amendment of the 6th Rule of Order, by striking out the last five subdivisions of said rule, which make it the duty of the President to appoint several nominating committees.

The committee on assessments,

*Report*, That for the support of the Episcopate during the current ecclesiastical year, they have determined upon the sum of \$1500, and recommend the adoption of the following rates, viz :

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| Christ Church, New Orleans, . . . . .     | \$600 00 |
| St. Paul's " . . . . .                    | 150 00   |
| Grace " . . . . .                         | 135 00   |
| Annunciation Church, " . . . . .          | 90 00    |
| Eglise Protestante Française, . . . . .   | 75 00    |
| Grace Church, St. Francisville, . . . . . | 90 00    |
| St. John's " Thibodeaux, , . . . . .      | 75 00    |
| " " West Baton Rouge, . . . . .           | 75 00    |
| St. Mary's, " Franklin, . . . . .         | 75 00    |
| St. James' " Parish of Rapides, . . . . . | 75 00    |
| " " Baton Rouge, . . . . .                | 50 00    |
| Christ " Covington, . . . . .             | 30 00    |
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| Total,                                    | 1,520 00 |

AMOS D. McCOY, }  
 GEORGE S. GUION. }

The Convention, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M., took a recess, to attend divine service. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Charles Goodrich, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Frederick Dean. The annual Missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. Amos D. McCoy. Concluding prayer and the benediction were said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

After divine service, the Convention came to order, and proceeded in its business.

*On motion,*

The report of the Committee to amend and revise the Constitution and Canons was re-considered ; when the following amendments were proposed and passed, viz :

In the second amended and revised canon strike out the last clause, and substitute—" Or who, for one year previous to said meeting, shall have contributed to the support of the minister of the parish, and during that period have belonged to the same."

In the revised and amended 2d Article of the Constitution strike out the word "*Wednesday*," and substitute *Thursday*.

In the revised and amended 9th Article of the Constitution insert the word *annual* between "previous meeting."



The assessment of one per cent. on the salaries of the several Clergymen, to defray the expenses of the Convention, was retained ; after which the report of the Committee as amended was received and ordered to be published with the Journal.

*On motion,*

*Resolved,* That the next annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Louisiana, be held on the second Thursday of the month of May, 1851.

*Resolved,* That the Convention meet in St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge.

On motion, Convention adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read, amended, and approved.

Rev. Charles Goodrich was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Committee on the state of the Church made the following report, which was accepted :

#### **Report of Committee on the State of the Church.**

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The Committee on the state of the Church find, from the parochial reports, and from the address of the Bishop, that the prosperity and peace aforesaid vouchsafed to the Church in this Diocese have been, during the past year, graciously continued.

The number of parishes engaged in the erection of places of worship affords a pleasing testimony that the promotion of the cause of Christ is gaining ground upon the hearts and affections of the people. The eminent success of our institutions for conducting education upon church principles is a guarantee that, if carried out, this system for extending and strengthening Episcopacy in the Diocese will fully sustain the urgent recommendations which your Committee observe have, in each successive convention, been made of it by the Bishop.

Not only are several churches in course of erection, but, at various points, a desire for the services of the church and an endeavor to secure them have been manifested. All the positions occupied are in a healthy and flourishing condition. In New Orleans, by building a chapel for seamen, and taking steps to provide for them a comfortable and religious home, the Church has indeed engaged in a labor of love, as well as occupied a field of immense promise and importance. There is but one candidate for the ministry in the Diocese; a subject of much regret, since many fields of labor are ready for occupation in only suitable laborers could be procured. Great good appears to have been accomplished among the colored part of the population; in proof of which your Committee would refer to the interesting reports of those clergymen who are engaged in their instruction. On the whole, the Committee would praise God for his goodness in enabling them to report so favorably, in all respects, of the state of the Church, and humbly trust that it may continue to be attended with his heavenly blessing.

Convention adjourned to attend divine service.

At the conclusion of divine service, the Convention met.

The following preamble and resolution was submitted by John L. Lobdell, Esq.:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, on the 30th of April, 1847, passed a general act in favor of corporations in the State, which has been duly approved; and whereas, the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Louisiana require incorporations of new churches in connection with this Diocese, the incorporation of and securing trust funds for the Episcopate, for superannuated clergymen, their widows and orphans; for missions, schools and colleges, and other church objects; therefore,

*Resolved*, That be a committee to digest and prepare such acts and proceedings under said general law as may be found necessary to accomplish said objects; and that they report their proceedings to the next convention.

*On motion*,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Corporations consist of two—Messrs. J. L. Lobdell and L. C. Duncan.

*On motion,*  
*Resolved,* that the Bishop of the Diocese be the head of that Committee.

The resolution presented by the Rev. Mr. Sandels was then taken up and rejected.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's Church, Thibodeaux, for the use of their church on this occasion ; and also to the good people of this Parish for the kindness and hospitality with which they have received and entertained the members of this Convention.

*Resolved,* That, after the customary religious services, the Convention adjourn.

Thereupon, after devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

LEONIDAS POLK, *President of the Convention.*

*Attest*—NATHANIEL O. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX A.

**Parochial Reports.**

WEST BATON ROUGE, 4th March, 1850.

I would respectfully report to the Bishop, that for the space of three months from the date of my report laid before the last Diocesan Convention, I officiated regularly, twice each Sunday, and taught a Sunday School of colored youth and children, numbering forty-six pupils. These services were performed in a part of the Rev. A. H. Lamons's parish, West Baton Rouge, an overflow having cut off communication with the Church. Since that time I have been prevented, by an affection of the throat, from performing any regular duty. I have, at different times, and in other places, preached about twelve times.

JOHN BENSON.

The undersigned, officiating at St. Martinsville, and New Iberia, and occasionally at Franklin, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese as follows :

## ZION'S CHURCH, ST. MARTINSVILLE.

12 Communicants were reported in 1847.

The present number is less.

|                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Candidates for Confirmation,               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2      |
| Sunday School Children,                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10     |
| Contributions for Superannuated Clergymen, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$4 50 |
| “ for Expenses of Convention,              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 00   |

## CONGREGATION AT NEW IBERIA.

|                                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|-------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Communicants, (1 removed,)                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2      |
| Candidates for Confirmation, (1 colored,) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6      |
| Baptisms—1 white, 2 colored,              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3      |
| Burials,                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2      |
| Sunday School Children,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5      |
| Contributions for Diocesan Missions,      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$4 25 |
| “ for Expenses of Convention,             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 00   |

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Communicants—Number last reported,        | 14      |
| Candidates for Confirmation,              | 1       |
| Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 9,              | 10      |
| Burial,                                   | 1       |
| Contributions for Expenses of Convention, | \$10 00 |

The undersigned has officiated at Franklin occasionally since August last, when the much beloved minister of that congregation, the late Rev. Mr. Litton died; but during the last two months has officiated alternately at Franklin one Sunday, and the next at New Iberia and St. Martinsville. At these two last mentioned places, the congregations are small, and the accessible sphere of ministerial labor is very limited. At the first of them, the congregation assembles in a house built for the common use of Protestants; at the other, the Court House is used by the congregation, the attempt, alluded to in the report of 1847, to get up a subscription sufficient to build a church having failed.

W. H. BURTON, *Deacon*.

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CITY OF LAFAYETTE.

|                                                |        |          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Baptisms—Infants 34, Adults 2,                 | Total, | 36       |
| Confirmed,                                     |        | 12       |
| Marriages,                                     |        | 3        |
| Communicants—added 27, removed 11, deceased 1, | Total, | 43       |
| Funerals,                                      |        | 9        |
| Sunday School—Teachers 3, Scholars,            |        | 50       |
| Alms collected, about                          |        | \$35 00. |

We have suffered greatly from removals; not less than twenty families composing this congregation having removed from the city during the last two years. The church, however, is gradually increasing in numbers and strength, and, with the blessing of God, will soon occupy an eminent position in this growing city. But at present it is too feeble in pecuniary resources to afford a competent support to the family of the present incumbent, and it is with feelings of deep regret that he is obliged to say, that his services will terminate with the present conventional year.

C. P. CLARKE, *Rector*.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORGANZA.

Since my last report, the interests of the Church have been attended to as far as opportunity presented. The regular ministrations

of the Sabbath have, necessarily, been somewhat interrupted, from the high stage of the waters, which has rendered some points impassable. The church edifice, at Williamsport, will be erected; the friends of the cause assuring me that the late reverses shall prove no impediment to its completion, though its progress will be somewhat retarded. My relation to the Institution, founded through the munificence of Julien Poydras, which has for its object the education of youths, will prevent that efficiency in my ministerial duties which might be desired. The several points for holding service, however, will, with Divine permission, be attended to. Upon the whole, we have reason to be thankful for observing an interest among the people in those matters which pertain to the church. At one other point on Bayou Fardoche, judging from interest expressed, a chapel will be erected. The residents on Gros Tete have expressed a desire to have the usual service there, at stated intervals.

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|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptisms,  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Funeral,   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Marriages, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |

From all that I have heard and witnessed, I know of no point which presents such singular unanimity of feeling for establishing the institutions of the church on such a basis as shall tell to its welfare at some future period.

FREDERICK DEAN, *Minister*.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The Rector reports as follows, from the Parish Record:

|                                |   |   |   |   |        |     |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| Communicants—Removed,          | - | - | - | - | -      | 25  |
| Died,                          | - | - | - | - | -      | 5   |
| Added,                         | - | - | - | - | -      | 38  |
| Present Number,                | - | - | - | - | -      | 108 |
| Baptisms—Infants 46, Adults 2, |   |   |   |   | Total, | 48  |
| Interments,                    | - | - | - | - | -      | 37  |
| Confirmations,                 | - | - | - | - | -      | 33  |
| Marriages,                     | - | - | - | - | -      | 16  |

CHARLES GOODRICH, *Rector*.

#### REPORT OF ELIJAH GUION, *Principal of Rapides Female Seminary*, near Alexandria, Louisiana.

Since last report, the undersigned has been engaged in the discharge of his duties as Principal of the Seminary under his charge.

Much difficulty and inconvenience have arisen from the want of suitable buildings and other requisites for carrying on the affairs of the Seminary to advantage ; the expectations entertained at the date of last report of having these speedily furnished, having been only partially realized. There being at present but little prospect that the required accommodations, etc., will be furnished by the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, in the Parish of Rapides, agreeably to the arrangement by which the undersigned was induced to undertake the management of the Seminary, and the rate of tuition being too low to justify him in furnishing them at his own expense, which he has already been compelled to do to a considerable extent, he has given notice of his intention to relinquish his charge at the close of the present session, May 31st. He the more regrets the necessity which compels him to take this step, inasmuch as the Seminary has now nearly completed its second year with good success, notwithstanding the fierce opposition of open enemies and pretended friends by which it has, during the past year, been assailed, and which seems to have been instigated by a spirit of hostility to the Church under whose auspices the Seminary was established and is constructed.

Aid from abroad was solicited by the Rector of St. James' Church, but the responses, thus far, have proved inadequate to the necessities.

The services of the Church have been held every Sunday, with two exceptions, during term-time. The pupils have been instructed every Sunday in the Church Catechism and the Holy Scriptures. Occasional services have been held in the immediate neighborhood by the undersigned, who has also officiated several times at Alexandria and New Orleans ; has administered the communion twice, baptized one infant, and attended one funeral in the Parish.

Present number of pupils, 27. The duties of instruction are performed by the Principal and three female assistants ; all of whom reside at the Seminary and form one family.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH GUION.

RAPIDES FEMALE SEMINARY }  
near Alexandria, May 6th, 1850. }

MAY 9th, 1850.

The undersigned reports to the Right Reverend Bishop Polk, D. D.: That he has been, with the exception of a few weeks, constantly engaged in the work of the ministry during the past year. During last summer he officiated regularly in the Parishes of Ouachita and Caldwell, and several times travelled more than forty miles to visit the sick and dying, and to afford the consolations of religion to the scattered members of the Church. He has baptized three adults and two children, and attended three funerals. During the past year the family of the undersigned has suffered much from sickness and death, and consequently, he considered it to be his duty to remove them to some place where they might regain their shattered health. To accomplish this object, he removed his family, in the latter part of the month of October last, to the town of Woodville, Mississippi; since which time he has officiated for the congregation of St. Paul's Church in that place.

C. S. HEDGES.

## INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES, JACKSON.

The Southern Institute is still prospering; having nearly as many pupils as I can accommodate; and, should I succeed in my present efforts to obtain additional teachers, I shall confidently hope it will continue to prosper.

WM. B. LACEY.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST BATON ROUGE.

|                                           |         |                 |    |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----|
| Baptisms—White—Adults 1, Infants, —       | }       | Total,          | 6  |
| “ Colored, “ 5, “ “                       |         |                 |    |
| Confirmations—White 4, Colored 10,        | - - - - |                 | 14 |
| Marriages,                                | - - - - |                 | 3  |
| Burials,                                  | - - - - |                 | 3  |
| Communicants—White—Added 5, removed 3,—25 | }       | Total,          | 95 |
| “ Colored “ 10, Died 5,—70                |         |                 |    |
| Sunday School Scholars,                   | - - - - |                 | 20 |
| “ “ Teachers,                             | - - - - |                 | 4  |
| Contributed to Domestic Missions;         | - - -   | \$7 00          |    |
| “ to Diocesan and Parish Purposes,        |         | 318 00          |    |
|                                           |         | <u>\$320 00</u> |    |



The church offerings are again interfered with in consequence of another overflow. Notwithstanding these severe and repeated disasters, the parishioners are still as zealous in promoting the interests of religion and the church as at any former period.

A. H. LAMON, *Rector*.

### GRACE CHURCH, ST. FRANCISVILLE,

PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA.

|                        |           |         |     |         |    |        |    |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|---------|----|--------|----|
| Baptisms—Infants—White | 11,       | Colored | 16, | -       | -  | -      | 27 |
| Confirmations—         | "         | 3,      | "   | 1,      | -  | -      | 4  |
| Marriages,             | "         | 3,      | "   | 1,      | -  | -      | 4  |
| Interments,            | "         | 8,      | "   | 3,      | -  | -      | 11 |
| Communicants—Added     | 5,        | died    | 1,  | removed | 4, | Total, | 35 |
| Contributions, about   | \$360 00. |         |     |         |    |        |    |

D. S. LEWIS.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BATON ROUGE.

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                      |                                |    |   |   |   |         |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|---|---|---|---------|
| Baptisms—Adults                         | 2,                                                                                                                                                   | Infants                        | 3, | . | . | . | 5       |
| Confirmations,                          | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | 5       |
| Marriages,                              | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | 1       |
| Burials,                                | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | 3       |
| Communicants—                           | Added 16, removed 5, lost by death 2,                                                                                                                |                                |    |   |   |   |         |
|                                         | Present number, so far as is known,                                                                                                                  |                                |    |   |   |   | 26      |
| Sunday School Scholars,                 | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | 25      |
| "                                       | "                                                                                                                                                    | Teachers, with Superintendant, | .  | . | . | . | 5       |
| Service—                                | Number of Times—Every Sunday morning and evening, when weather permitted, and every Wednesday and Friday during Lent, and every day in Passion week. |                                |    |   |   |   |         |
| Communion—                              | Number of Times—First Sunday in the month; as on the greater festivals of the Church.                                                                |                                |    |   |   |   |         |
| Communion offerings, about              | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | \$40 00 |
| Number of families in the Church, about | .                                                                                                                                                    | .                              | .  | . | . | . | 35      |

The above is an abstract of the statistics of this Church during the brief Rectorship of the minister in charge, which commenced about 13th November last, and interrupted by bad weather, and two absences in Alabama. In addition to the above, he may state, that the congregation has more than quintupled; nearly every eligible pew in the church having been taken. The Minister feels encouraged to

hope, that a brighter day is dawning upon the Church in this Parish. He thinks that by prudence, faithfulness, and patience, it may cease to be the day of small things with her; that by an humble reliance upon God for grace and strength, there may yet be a yield of fruit correspondent to the efforts made hitherto in her behalf.

G. H. LINEBAUGH, *Rector*.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PARISH OF RAPIDES.

|                                             |        |     |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Baptisms---Adults---White, 7, Colored 1, }  | Total, | 276 |
| “ Infants, “ 14, “ 254, }                   |        |     |
| Communicants---Removed 9. Died 1, added 15, |        |     |
| Present Number,                             |        | 33  |
| Marriages, . . . . . 1                      |        | 1   |
| Burials, . . . . . 2                        |        | 2   |

The kind assistance of friends in New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, and other cities, has been so opportunely rendered to the church in this Parish, as to enable us to continue the preparations to build a house of the Lord, and to do something more towards the establishment of the Rapides Female Seminary. Without the aid thus received we know not how it would have been possible to continue the work under the calamity of the overflow of Red River, in August last.

We record our deep sense of gratitude to those who have thus remembered us in the days of our affliction, and pray that the Father of Mercies may reward them tenfold.

There appears to be a gradual increase of interest in our Church in this Parish; especially among the colored people there is rich promise of increasing usefulness. I preach stately to one thousand of these people, and occasionally to a much larger number. The perceptible effect of these labors is very encouraging to the heart and cheering to faith.

If our friends will help us to bear the burden in these days of visitation, we hope soon to be able, by the blessing of God, not only to maintain the ordinances of our holy religion among ourselves, but to assist, in our turn, those who may be in circumstances of trial such as now surround us.

AMOS D. McCOY, *Rector*.

## CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

|                                   |        |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Baptisms,---Adults 1, Infants 20, | Total. | 21  |
| Confirmed,                        |        | 12  |
| Communicants---added 11,          | Total, | 161 |
| Marriages,                        |        | 9   |
| Burials,                          |        | 11  |

The subscriber took charge of the Parish of Christ Church in November last. In a population so fluctuating as that of New Orleans, it is not easy to state the number of our communicants with the precision that would be attainable in other places, but the above report of them is believed to be nearly correct. The Parish has contributed largely during the past year to the support and extension of the Church in New Orleans. The attendance on the services of the sanctuary, both on Sundays and at other times, has been encouraging, and there is a growing manifestation of religious interest among the people. A Bible class, consisting of thirty members, under the superintendence of the Rector, meets weekly. There are 159 children and 28 teachers in the Sunday Schools of the Parish. They meet at present in the Church edifice, but it is hoped that a more suitable place for their accommodation will, in time, be provided. In view of these things, and of the affection and cordiality with which the Rector has been welcomed by the people of his charge, he is encouraged to hope that he was sent into this extensive field of ministerial usefulness by Him who "holds the stars in his right hand," and that he will be made the humble instrument of promoting therein the glory of God and the good of the Church.

E. NEVILLE, *Rector.*

## CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW ORLEANS.

|                                                    |        |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Baptisms---Adults 4, Infants 64,                   | Total, | 68  |
| Confirmed,                                         |        | 31  |
| Communicants---Number last reported,               |        | 94  |
| Added,                                             |        | 64  |
| Removed,                                           |        | 26  |
| Died,                                              |        | 7   |
| Present Number,                                    |        | 125 |
| Marriages,                                         |        | 33  |
| Interments---Parishioners 17, non-parishioners, 29 |        | 46  |
| Sunday School---Male Teachers 6, female 12,        |        | 18  |
| “ Scholars,                                        |        | 175 |

|                                                              |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Collections—Alms at Communion, . . . .                       | \$104 10 |
| “ Incidental Expenses, . . . .                               | 154 15   |
| “ In the Sunday School, for library and paper, . . . .       | 35 00    |
| “ For Church in Parish of Rapides, . . . .                   | 125 00   |
| “ By Ladies M. Society, in various modes . . . .             | 1,500 00 |
| “ By recent Parish Organization, for Church Objects, . . . . | 300 00   |

Unity, peace, and prosperity have been our highly favored lot, under the blessing of God, the past year; and to Him we here record our grateful acknowledgments for these unmerited mercies.

N. O. PRESTON, *Rector*.

*Report of Services at the Balize.*—By the REV. R. H. RANNEY,  
From March 25th, 1849, to April 14th, 1850.

|                                                 |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|
| Marriages, . . . . .                            | 6  |
| Baptisms—Infants—Whites 12, Colored 14, . . . . | 26 |
| Funerals—Adults 7, Infants 2 . . . . .          | 9  |
| Communicants—Added 5, . . . . .                 | 9  |

R. H. RANNEY,

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THIBODEAUX.

The Rector of this Church respectfully reports to the Bishop as follows, viz :

|                                                                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—Children—White, 13, Colored 13, } Total, . . . .           | 31        |
| “ Adults, . . . . . “ 5, } . . . .                                  |           |
| Confirmations, . . . . .                                            | 2         |
| Marriages, of white persons 4, of colored persons 2, . . . .        | Total, 6  |
| Communicants—Removed 12, added 2, Present number 22 whites, . . . . |           |
| Colored persons 34, . . . . .                                       | Total, 56 |
| Contributions—To Missions, . . . . .                                | \$10 00   |
| “ Fund in aid of Superannuated Ministers, . . . .                   |           |
| “ Their Wives, &c., . . . . ,                                       | 19 00     |
| “ To purchase Lamps for the Church, . . . . .                       | 70 00     |
| “ For St. James', Alexandria, . . . . .                             | 15 00     |
| “ Last payment for Organ, . . . . .                                 | 50 00     |

There is a Parochial School in connexion with this Parish, which has been in existence for some years. Its condition is highly prosperous.

J. SANDELS, *Rector*.

## PARISH LAFOURCHE INTERIOR.

As it respects the condition of my charge, consisting of a colored congregation, on an estate near Thibodeaux, I have to report, viz :

|                                            |        |   |   |   |   |     |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Marriages,                                 | -      | - | - | - | - | 3   |
| Baptisms—Adults 7, Infants 12,             | Total, | - | - | - | - | 19  |
| Confirmations,                             | -      | - | - | - | - | 25  |
| Deaths,                                    | -      | - | - | - | - | 81  |
| Communicants,                              | -      | - | - | - | - | 92  |
| Sunday School Pupils—Males 58, Females 57, | -      | - | - | - | - | 115 |

Christ crucified preached to this congregation has, evidently, been accompanied with the divine blessing.

SPENCER WALL.

NEW ORLEANS, May 7th, 1850.

To the RT. REV. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D.,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana :*

## REPORT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SEAMEN.

|                                      |        |     |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Baptisms of Adults 4, Infants 184,   | Total, | 188 |
| Marriages,                           | -      | 91  |
| Funerals,                            | -      | 194 |
| Confirmations,                       | -      | 23  |
| Communicants,                        | -      | 130 |
| Sunday School large, and increasing. |        |     |

Divine service has been regularly held twice on each Lord's day, during the year. From the seventh Sunday after Trinity, until the twenty-second, I read prayers and preached once each Lord's day at Christ Church, on Canal Street.

On the 6th of April, the foundation of a new church edifice was laid, and completed ready for divine service on the first Sunday in July, and consecrated on the second Sunday in advent, the 9th of December, 1849, by the name of St. Peter's Church for Seamen.

The reading room has been enlarged, and still continues to be well attended by the seamen. The practice of distributing books among the seamen on board their ships is still continued, viz : Bibles, books of common prayer, manuals of prayer, tracts, etc.

CHARLES W. WHITALL,

*Missionary.*

## GRACE CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The Rector of Grace Church, New Orleans, respectfully reports to the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese: That having just entered upon the discharge of his duties he has not yet been able to make himself acquainted with the condition and prospects of the Parish.

For the year past, Grace Church has been without the services of a settled pastor, and, in consequence, the former parishoners have, to a great extent, connected themselves with the other parishes in the city. The number of communicants, therefore, cannot be accurately reported. Upon consulting the Parish Register, I find that since the last Convention there have been—

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Infant Baptisms, | 9 |
| Confirmed,       | 1 |
| Marriages,       | 4 |
| Funerals,        | 4 |

From the importance of this field of labor, the great success which crowned the ministry of my predecessor, and the devotion manifested by the few zealous laymen who have had the interests of this Parish so much at heart from the period of its organization, the hope is confidently cherished that, under the divine blessing, an abundant harvest will at length be gathered in, to the praise and glory of God.

WM. C. CRANE.

MAY 8th, 1850.

## APPENDIX B.

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### Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

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#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledge its authority.

#### ARTICLE II.

The annual Convention of the Church in this State shall be held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Convention. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; or, in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each Convention, and shall continue in office till next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop, when in his judgment the good of the Church shall require it; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both clergymen and laymen. All ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who shall be officiating in some Parish in the State; Clerical Instructors of youth and Chaplains in the Army and Navy who have been residents in the State six months, shall be members of the Convention. Each Parish in the State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to a representation by three lay delegates; and if it consists of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment signed by the Wardens, or either of them, or by the Secretary of the said Vestry, or the Rector of the parish, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention. A representation, whether clerical or lay, from one-half of the Parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: but a smaller number may adjourn.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The clergy and the laity shall deliberate in one body, in all cases

not hereinafter provided for ; and on every question, a majority of votes of those present shall decide, the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

#### ARTICLE V.

A Standing Committee, to consist of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention ; any three of whom, always including one clerical member, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business ; except for such purposes as, by the canon of the General Convention, shall require a larger number.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner ; at least four weeks before the Convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the clergy and laity shall vote separately ; the clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person for that office : Whereupon such choice shall be communicated to the lay delegates ; and if, on the ballot, the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Delegates to the General Convention shall be appointed, and shall continue in office during the time that may intervene between the stated meetings of the General Convention ; but in case of vacancy by death or resignation, a substitute or substitutes may be appointed by the Bishop ; or if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration, except at the annual meeting of the Convention ; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and received at a previous meeting.



## Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church OF LOUISIANA.

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### CANON I.

#### OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

To entitle any new parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, it is required of those forming said parish, to conform to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Louisiana entitled "an act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State," approved April 30th, 1847; and such parish applying for admission, besides producing a duly certified record of their compliance with said act, shall also produce evidence of their having adopted resolutions declaring their adhesion to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.

### CANON II.

#### OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who contribute annually to the support of the ministry, shall be entitled to vote.

### CANON III.

#### OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every parish to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually, and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Standing Committee to pay for publishing the journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention shall contain a statement of the sums received, the parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended. The Sec-

retary to have the journals published and ready for distribution within sixty days after adjournment of the Convention, and the delegates from each parish are required to furnish the Secretary with written directions how and where to transmit their respective copies, and no parish shall be entitled to receive the journals unless the amount required by canon shall have been paid.

#### CANON IV.

##### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Every minister shall keep a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages, and funerals within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth canon of the General Convention of 1832. The record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the parties married, and of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry; and in case of a vacancy by the Senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the minister to present to the annual Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals within his cure; together with the number of communicants; distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths, since his last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the parish.

#### CANON V.

##### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing a President and Secretary; the latter of whom shall keep a record of all the transactions, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

#### CANON VI.

##### OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

## APPENDIX C.

### Proposed Amendments, Alterations, and Additions TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE CHURCH IN THIS DIOCESE ;

*Presented by the Committee appointed at the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; held in Grace Church, St. Francisville, in May, 1848.*

#### ARTICLE I.

The Church in Louisiana hereby accedes to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

#### ARTICLE II.

There shall be an annual convention of the Church in this State, to be held on the second Thursday in May, in each and every year, at such place as shall have been determined by the preceding convention—*provided*, that in case of the prevalence of epidemic, or for other urgent cause, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall have power to alter the place of meeting, and give due notice of the same. The Bishop shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention ; or, in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, a president *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall, also, be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Convention, shall be chosen at the opening of each convention, and shall continue in office till the next annual Convention. Special meetings of the Convention may be called by the Bishop when, in his judgment, the good of the Church shall require them ; and when there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of both clergymen and laymen. All ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who shall be officiating in some parish in the State, and all clergymen prevented by age

or infirmity from exercising their clerical functions, clerical instructors of youth, and chaplains of the army and navy shall be members of the Convention, with right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof—*provided*, that no clergyman shall be entitled to vote in Convention unless he has been actually as well as canonically resident within the diocese for the space of six calendar months before the meeting of the Convention.

Each parish in the State shall be entitled to a representation by three lay delegates; and, if it consist of more than fifty families, by five, to be chosen by the Vestry; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, or either of them, or by the Secretary of said Vestry, or the Rector of the parish, shall, before they are admitted to a seat, be laid before the Convention.

A representation, whether clerical or lay, from one-half of the parishes in union with this Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The clergy and the laity shall deliberate in one body; in all cases not hereinafter provided for; and on every question a majority of votes of those present shall decide; the Bishop or President being entitled to a casting vote.

#### ARTICLE V.

A Standing Committee, to consist of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention; any three of whom, always including one clerical member, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, except for such purposes as, by canon of the General Convention, shall require a larger number.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The Standing Committee shall organize on the day of their election, by choosing one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President, and another of their body to be their Secretary; whose duty it shall be to preserve a record of all the proceedings of the Committee, in a book prepared for that purpose, and present an abstract of the same to each annual Convention. The meetings of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the President; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested thereto by any two of its members.

## ARTICLE VII.

The election of a Bishop shall be in the following manner : At least six weeks before the convention to be held for the purpose of such election, the Standing Committee shall send a notice to the Wardens and Vestry of each parish, specifying the business to be laid before the Convention. In the election of a Bishop, the clergy and the laity shall vote separately ; the clergy choosing by ballot some fit and qualified person to that office : whereupon, such choice shall be communicated to the lay delegates ; and, if on ballot the person so chosen is approved by the lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

In the above election, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—*provided*, two-thirds of the clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of the congregations entitled to vote be represented ; otherwise, two-thirds of the vote of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

## ARTICLE VIII.

At every annual Convention, four presbyters and four laymen shall be chosen by ballot to represent this diocese in the General Convention.

In case any deputy appointed as above shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or, in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee ; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any deputy so declining or unable to attend—*provided*, that such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Louisiana.

## ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration, except at the annual meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present ; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted at a previous annual meeting.

## CANON I.

## OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

To entitle any new parish to be admitted into union with this Convention, it is required of those forming said parish to conform to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Louisiana entitled "*An Act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State,*" and approved April 30th, 1847. And such parish applying for admission, besides producing a duly certified record of their compliance with said act, shall also produce evidence of their having adopted resolutions declaring their adherence to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.

## CANON II.

## OF PARISH MEETINGS.

The election of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parish Clerk shall be made at the annual parish meeting, to be held on Easter Monday; which officers shall continue in office till the next annual meeting, or till a new election takes place. In case of manifest expediency, a special meeting may be held for that purpose. All persons who own or hire a pew, or who, for one year previous to said meeting, shall have contributed to the support of the minister of the parish, and during that period have belonged to the same, shall be entitled to vote.

## CANON III.

## OF THE WARDENS AND VESTRY.

It shall be the duty of the vestry to take charge of the property of the Church; to regulate its temporal concerns; to elect and call a minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the church during the celebration of divine worship, and in general to act as helpers to the minister in whatever is appropriate to laymen, for the furtherance of the gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper; to collect the alms at the administration of the same; to keep and disburse such alms, in case the Church is destitute of a minister; to provide for the celebration of public worship and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit.

## CANON IV.

## A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE CLERGYMEN OF THIS DIOCESE.

Before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no bishop, the Standing Committee shall prepare or cause to be prepared a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in the Diocese and entitled to a seat, and such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. The right of any clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

## CANON V.

## OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

It shall be the duty of every parish, to send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, a sum equal to *one per centum* on the salary of its minister, at least ten dollars annually, and the sum so raised shall be appropriated by the Treasurer to pay for the publishing of the journals, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Each parish shall be entitled to at least twenty copies of the journals. The Treasurer's annual report to the Convention shall contain a statement of the sums received, the parishes from which they were received, and the purposes for which they were expended. The Secretary shall have the journals published and ready for distribution within sixty days after adjournment of the Convention; and the delegates from each parish are required to furnish the Secretary with written directions how and where to transmit their respective copies, and no parish shall be entitled to receive the journals unless the amount required by Canon shall have been paid.

## CANON VI.

## OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Every minister shall keep a register of baptisms, confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and funerals within his cure, agreeably to the twenty-ninth Canon of the General Convention of 1832. The record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of parents and sponsors; the names of the adults

baptized ; the names of the parties married and of the persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book belonging to the Vestry : and in case of a vacancy, by the Senior Warden. It shall be the duty of the minister to present to the annual Convention a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals within his cure ; together with the number of communicants ; distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths since his last report. He may also include in the statement any other matters tending to throw light on the condition of the parish.

#### CANON VII.

DECLARING THE OFFENCES FOR WHICH A CLERGYMAN SHALL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

Disorderly and immoral conduct, vicious and unseemly diversions, neglect of duty, disregard of the constitution and canons of the General or State Convention, and disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, are offences for which a clergyman may be brought to trial.

#### CANON VIII.

*In order to bring a clergyman to trial* before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter in this diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged as coming within the offences enumerated in the Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana or of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form :

To A. B., *Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana* :—The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., of—[here write the charge or charges.]—And the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canons in such case made and provided. [Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon, the Bishop shall present to the accused, at least sixty days before the time of trial, the names of eight Presbyters resident



in the Diocese, any five of whom, selected at the discretion of the accused, shall constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If, within reasonable time after the reception of the above names, the accused shall decline or neglect to make choice of members to constitute the court, the Bishop himself shall appoint from the number first presented, the five Presbyters who shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall determine the time and place of the meeting of the court, and forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, who shall act as prosecutors in the case. The Standing Committee, at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment, notice of the time and place of trial, and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defense on each specification.

At the fixed time for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President of their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit ; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted—provided, however, that no layman shall advocate for either party on the trial ; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be rendered against him by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence ; and if guilty, the sentence which in their opinion ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings, containing a copy of the presentment, of the specifications of the notice of the accused, and of his answer, with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written, and the final judgment of the Court ; and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of acquittal to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications, and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more

points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment and order a new trial, stating his ground for such decision ; or, he may approve the judgment ; and, in that case, he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure as the case may in his opinion require ; whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

### CANON IX.

#### OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper ; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in that office, by the Standing Committee. There shall also be prayers every morning during the session of the Convention.

# SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—MAY 9th, 1850.

| CHURCHES.                   | PARISHES.         | MINISTERS.       | BAPTISMS. |          |          |          | CONFIRMED. |          |         |           |          | COMMUNICANTS. |        |          |       |           | Funerals. | Contributions For Church purposes. | REMARKS. |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                             |                   |                  | White.    |          | Colored. |          | Whole No.  | Infants. | Adults. | Whole No. | Infants. | Adults.       | Added. | Removed. | Died. | Whole No. |           |                                    |          | Colored.                                                                                                                                                                     | White. |
|                             |                   |                  | Adults.   | Infants. | Adults.  | Infants. |            |          |         |           |          |               |        |          |       |           |           |                                    |          |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| Zion Church.                | S. Martinsville.  | W. H. Burton.    | 1         | 2        | 1        | 2        | 10         | 1        | 1       | 10        | 1        | 1             | 1      | 1        | 10    | 1         | 1         | 10                                 | 9 25     | The Parish has been afflicted by the death of its estimable Pastor. The Minister resigns his charge.                                                                         |        |
| Missionary Station.         | New Iberia.       | W. H. Burton.    | 1         | 2        | 1        | 2        | 10         | 1        | 1       | 10        | 1        | 1             | 1      | 1        | 10    | 1         | 1         | 10                                 | 9 25     |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| St. Mary's Church.          | Franklin.         | W. H. Burton.    | 1         | 9        | 1        | 9        | 14         | 1        | 1       | 14        | 1        | 1             | 1      | 1        | 14    | 1         | 1         | 14                                 | 10 00    |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| Church of the Holy Trinity. | Lafayette.        | C. F. Clarke.    | 2         | 31       | 2        | 31       | 36         | 12       | 11      | 43        | 3        | 9             | 27     | 11       | 36    | 10        | 16        | 37                                 | 35 00    | The Parish has been afflicted by the death of its estimable Pastor. The Minister resigns his charge.                                                                         |        |
| St. Peter's Church.         | Morganza.         | F. Dean.         | 2         | 31       | 2        | 31       | 36         | 12       | 11      | 43        | 3        | 9             | 27     | 11       | 36    | 10        | 16        | 37                                 | 35 00    |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| St. Paul's Church.          | New Orleans.      | C. Gouldrich.    | 2         | 42       | 2        | 42       | 44         | 13       | 5 25    | 30        | 10       | 16            | 37     | 10       | 30    | 4         | 11        | 33                                 | 363 00   |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| Grace Church.               | Monroe.           | C. S. Hodge.     | 3         | 2        | 3        | 2        | 5          | 5        | 5       | 5         | 5        | 5             | 5      | 5        | 5     | 5         | 5         | 5                                  | 5        | Rector's family suffered severely by sickness, causing his temporary removal from the parish. Notwithstanding disasters, equal zeal manifested in the promotion of religion. |        |
| St. John's Church.          | W. Baton Rouge.   | A. H. Lamon.     | 1         | 5        | 1        | 5        | 6          | 14       | 5       | 3         | 15       | 25            | 70     | 95       | 3     | 3         | 4         | 20                                 | 320 00   |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| Grace Church.               | St. Francisville. | D. S. Lewis.     | 11        | 16       | 27       | 4        | 1          | 4        | 5       | 35        | 4        | 11            | 35     | 4        | 11    | 35        | 4         | 11                                 | 363 00   |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
| St. James, Church.          | Baton Rouge.      | J. H. Linchaugh. | 2         | 3        | 5        | 5        | 5          | 5        | 5       | 16        | 26       | 1             | 3      | 5        | 25    | 75        | 00        | 75                                 | 00       | A brighter day dawning on this Parish.                                                                                                                                       |        |
| St. James' Church.          | Pa'h of Rapides.  | A. D. McCoy.     | 7         | 14       | 1 324    | 976      | 1          | 9        | 15      | 33        | 1        | 2             | 15     | 33       | 1     | 2         | 15        | 33                                 | 1        | Church afflicted but not cast down.                                                                                                                                          |        |
| Christ Church.              | New Orleans.      | E. Neville.      | 1         | 21       | 92       | 12       | 11         | 161      | 9       | 11        | 28       | 139           | 161    | 9        | 11    | 28        | 139       | 161                                | 9        | A growing manifestation of religious interest among the people.                                                                                                              |        |
| Church of the Annunciation. | New Orleans.      | N. O. Preston.   | 4         | 64       | 68       | 31       | 7 26       | 64       | 123     | 2 125     | 23       | 46            | 1 175  | 2 125    | 25    | 2 125     | 25        | 2 125                              | 25       | Church prosperous.                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| Missionary Station.         | Balize.           | R. Ranney.       | 13        | 14       | 26       | 13       | 14         | 26       | 13      | 14        | 26       | 13            | 14     | 26       | 13    | 14        | 26        | 13                                 | 14       | A parochial school of a high order in connexion with this parish.                                                                                                            |        |
| St. John's Church.          | Thibodeaux.       | J. Sandels.      | 13        | 5        | 13       | 31       | 2          | 12       | 2       | 32        | 34       | 56            | 6      | 115      | 104   | 00        | 115       | 104                                | 00       | The Divine blessing has accompanied the preaching of Christ crucified                                                                                                        |        |
| Colored Congregation.       | Lafourche Int'r.  | S. Wall.         | 7         | 12       | 19       | 25       | 1          | 32       | 32      | 32        | 3        | 81            | 3      | 81       | 115   | 115       | 115       | 115                                | 115      | Church edifice for Seamon has been completed and consecrated.                                                                                                                |        |
| St. Peter's Church.         | New Orleans.      | C. W. Whittall.  | 4         | 184      | 188      | 23       | 1          | 130      | 91      | 194       | 130      | 91            | 194    | 130      | 91    | 194       | 130       | 91                                 | 194      |                                                                                                                                                                              |        |
|                             |                   |                  | 27,413    | 18,311   | 769      | 161      | 22,966     | 196      | 198     | 847       | 178      | 414           | 58     | 554      | 831   | 151       | 00        | 831                                | 151      | 00                                                                                                                                                                           |        |



## Thirteenth Annual Convention.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Louisiana will be held in St. John's Church, West Baton Rouge, on the second Thursday in May, A. D. 1850.



### Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

CHURCH OF —, APRIL —, 185 .

WE, the undersigned, Wardens [or, I, the undersigned, Warden, Secretary, or Clerk of the Vestry, or Rector of the Parish,] of — Church, in the Parish of —, (or the City of —, as the case may be,) do hereby certify that —, —, —, have been chosen by the Vestry of this Church Lay Delegates, to attend the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Parish of —, on the — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —.













